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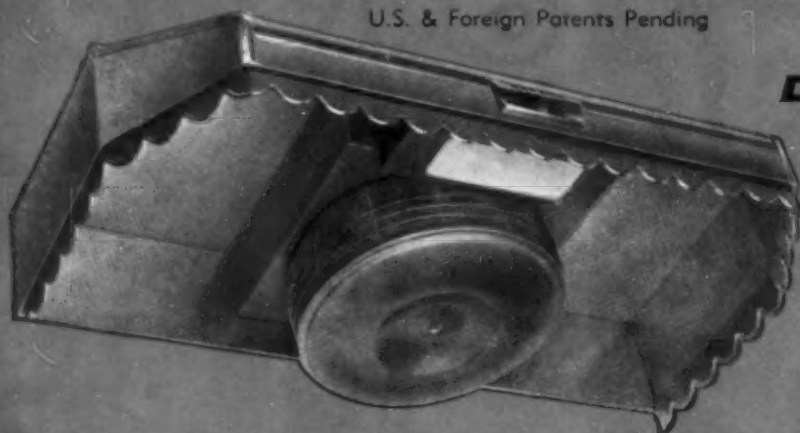
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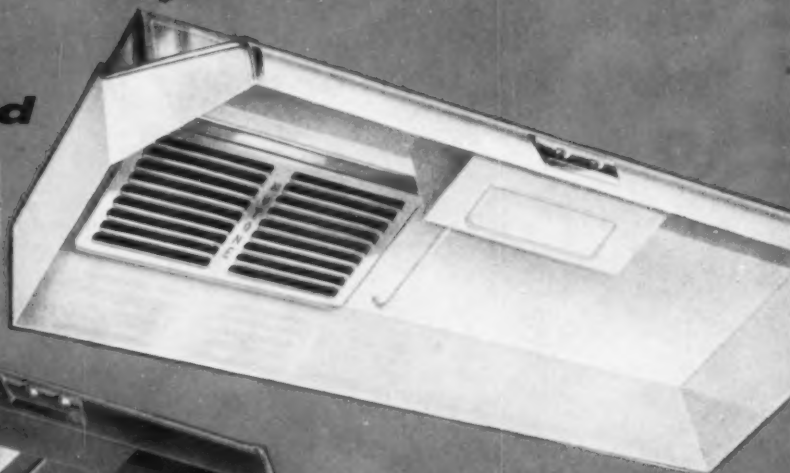
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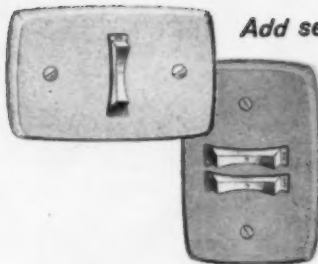


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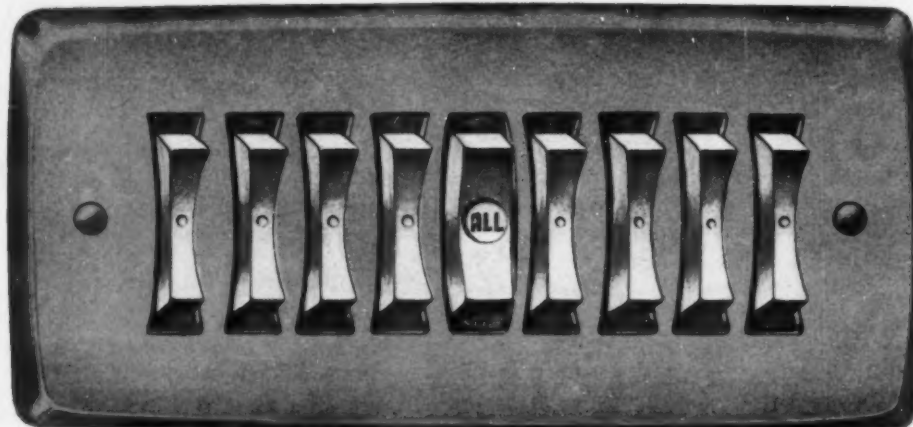
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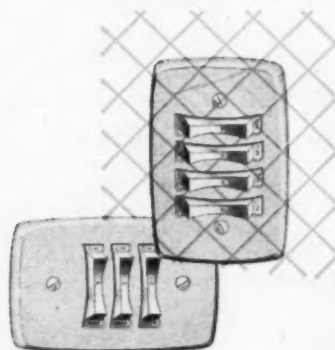
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(Keynote page of the AMERICAN BUILDER, which is opportunity cover to cover, advertising and editorial)

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Continuing desire of more persons to own their own homes is seen in the slight apartment vacancy rise. In Colorado Springs, for example, the officials of a large apartment project says a number of tenants moved into their own homes during 1956. Supporting evidence comes from builder Tom Collier who has no trouble selling his \$15,-\$30,000 houses, and adds that builders of less expensive homes are also having few sales problems.

Help for tomorrow

It's always good news when a manufacturer launches a program to help builders. Aluminum Co. of America is doing just that with the announcement of this comprehensive program aimed at better houses with lower maintenance: Establishment of a residential building products sales division; sponsoring and promoting, through the issuance of plans and specifications, of approximately 50 model houses in 1957 to be known as "Alcoa Care-Free Houses"; formation of a residential building products advisory committee; and creation of a home design conference.

The big picture

You might like to know about the "American Builderama Camera," used for the first time on page 74 to get the "big picture" for you in the Building Is Showmanship story. The camera takes a picture 140° wide, allowing us to photograph 3 walls of a room in one photo. We think it will enable us to tell you more in one photo—an opportunity for you to learn more by seeing more in one look.

Job follow-through

If you've ever thrown up your hands in despair because you don't know the exact status of each of your jobs, here's a good control system devised by John Osmundsen, Cal., builder. On top of a large peg board, Osmundsen lists the 43 different operations he requires for each of his custom jobs. He uses yellow pegs for each item that has been ordered; red pegs for the item being completed. Each evening the status of each job is checked. A glance at the board shows him exactly what must be done to finish the job in time.

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Whether or not you're a member of your local HBA, you're sure to be affected by decisions and plans made at the annual 1957 NAHB convention. For example, the magic figure "2 million" kept turning up in discussions as a near goal in housing starts. AB's breakfasts forecast this figure, conservatively, for the 1970's. To learn what builders heard, saw and did at the convention, see AB's comprehensive coverage on pages 73 to 87.

Good public relations

Thoughtfulness towards your buyers—even several years after they've owned the house—can pay off. Out in Palo Alto, Cal., realtor Floyd Lowe sends plants each Christmas to people who have purchased houses through his firm. Response indicates that when these old buyers are in the market for another home, they'll come back to Lowe. Builders can get "repeat" buyers in the same way.

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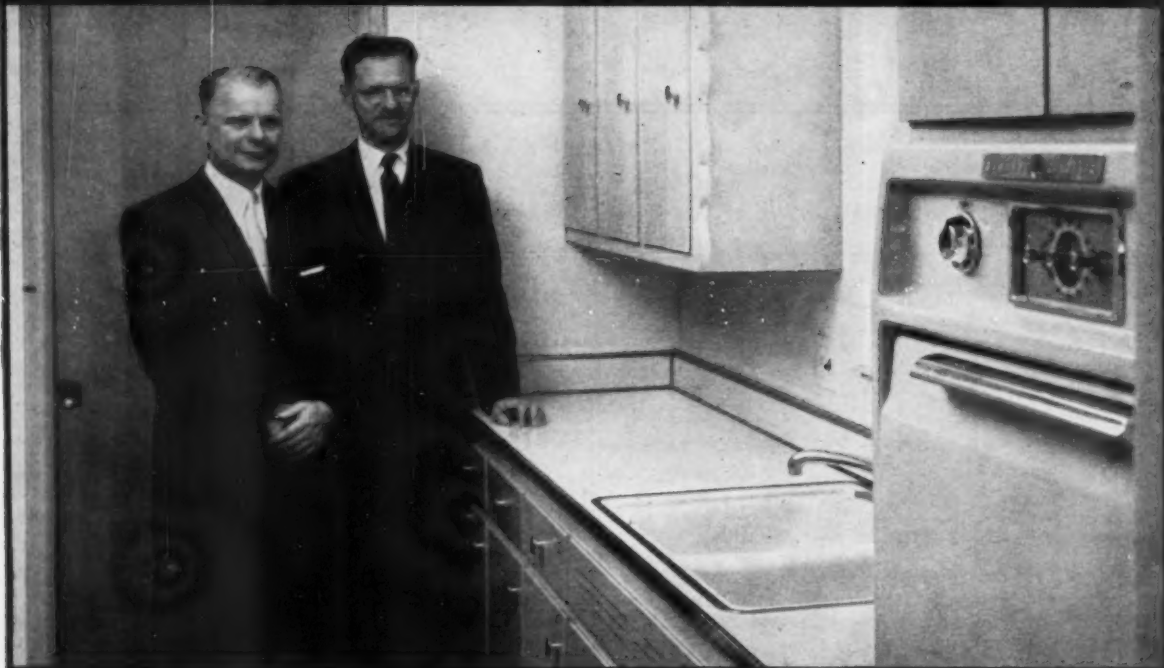
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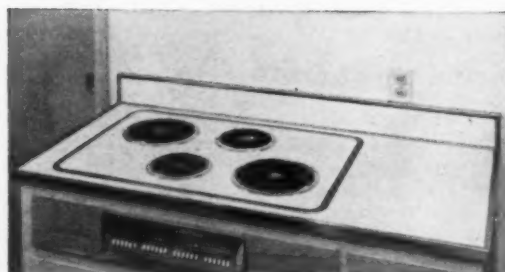
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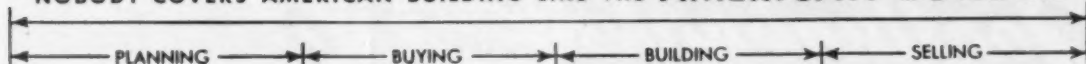
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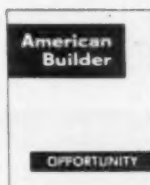
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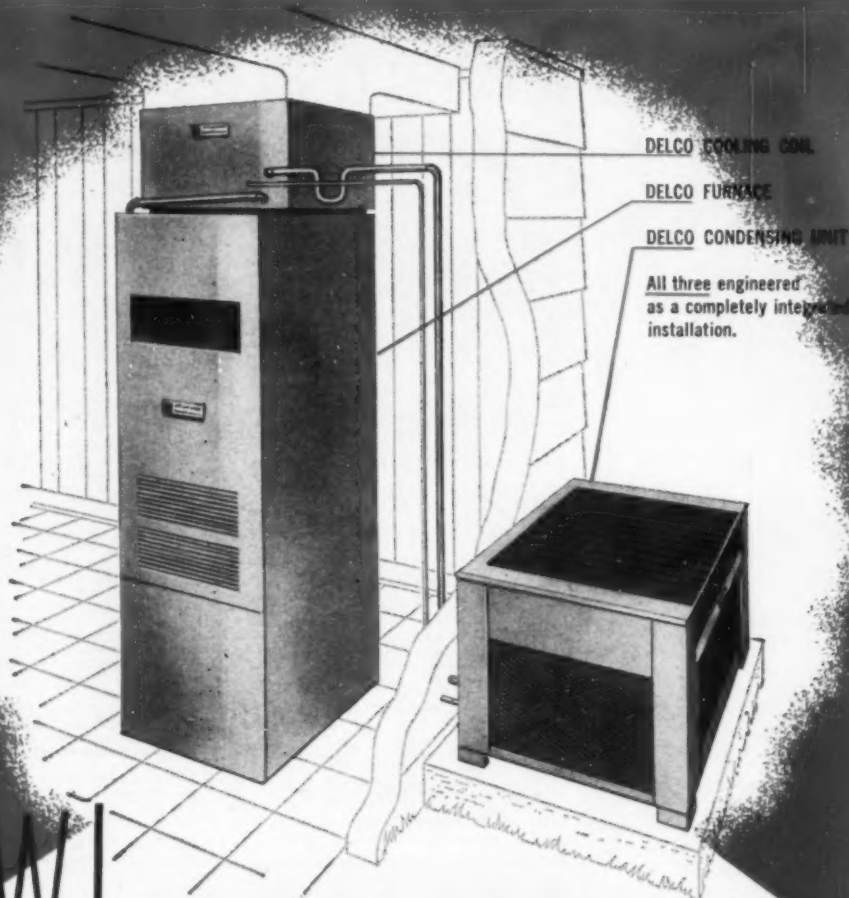
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Clarification

February 1, 1957

Mr. Leon Chatelain, Jr.,
President

American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chatelain: In our January issue we published an article entitled "Can an architect make you a better builder?" Our intention was to point out to builders the many ways an architect can serve the builder professionally and help him do a better job. But, unfortunately, several statements that came from our staff writer can nonetheless be interpreted as tending to discredit the profession.

We regret this exceedingly, not only for the effect of the statements on the profession, but as they reflect on L. Morgan Yost, FAIA, to whom they appear to be attributed.

Morgan Yost did not write the article. Mr. Yost had submitted a manuscript, but it was used only as a "subject outline." It contained none of the objectionable statements I refer to.

We have apologized to Mr. Yost personally and plan to do so again in print. We also want you to know how much we regret that what was intended as a helpful gesture has turned out so unfortunately.

Cordially,
—Walter Reese Browder, Editor

Personal to Joe Mason

Dear Joe: Just a note to thank you for the very pleasant breakfast and program which we enjoyed at the House on the Roof. I am looking forward to seeing the results of your meetings.

—Bruce S. Blietz, Wilmette, Ill.

Turn to p. 86 for the breakfast section of the Convention report.

We'll be around

Sirs: Since I began my subscription to AB a few years back, I have completed over 55 homes—and am afraid if I keep getting your good ideas that I will have to keep building (and the financial climate is not at all right for that kind of business). So as they say, "if you can't beat them, join them,"—I am concentrating on the financing portion of my business which I have also operated in for the last 10 years.

I'll be back when I begin looking for ideas again.

—Marshall D. Ware, Dallas, Tex.
As gracious a "So Long" as we've been waved in some time.

Two-way proposition

Sirs: I received the check for my How-to-do-it-better idea and I want to thank you very much. I get a lot of useful information from American Builder and look forward to getting the next issue, month after month.

—Clarence A. Tessmer, Princeton, Minn.

How about sending us more such ideas?

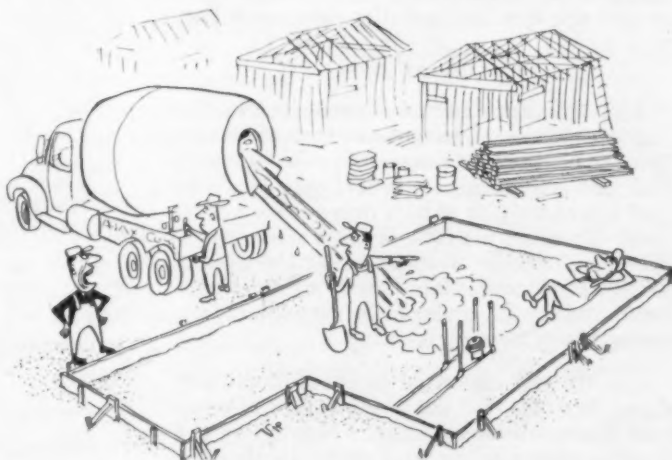
"Industry . . . demoralized"?

Sirs: It is a pretty sad commentary on America's state of affairs generally, and on the builders and dealers particularly, to find the cover and lead article of your issue of Feb. 1957 asking, "What Will Congress Do For You?"

Aren't we, as builders and dealers, responsible enough to do anything for ourselves any longer? We know the trouble with the housing market and so do you, if you'll admit it. The facts are that the market is strong on a give-away basis; i.e., so long as houses can be bought for \$500 to \$750 cash, many people will take one. But, if even as little as 10% is needed, it is vastly different.

Money is available. What we need is to so build and so watch our costs as to turn out homes for less, necessitating less cash. We'll never develop this responsibility with a government crutch. Surely the industry is not so demoralized as some of its spokesmen would make it appear.—J. Lee Johnson, III, president, Cicero Smith Lumber Co., Fort Worth, Tex.

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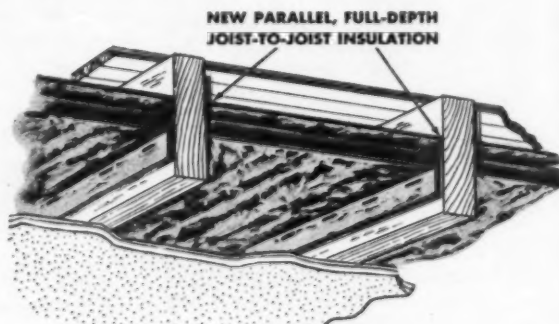
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The Building Outlook

SMALL TALK

DON'T BELIEVE IT

If you're worried about buyers' mercurial tastes in house designs, here's a comforting thought from Randall Jarrell, consultant at the Library of Congress. "You can put a spherical plastic gas tower on aluminum stilts, divide it into rooms and quite a few people will be willing to crawl along saying, 'Is this the floor? Is this the wall?' and to make a down payment and call it a home."

OUTDOOR LIVING

The covered porch is fast regaining status as a traditional favorite of home buyers. New Jersey builders, Saul Cantor and Paul Goldman, say many families call this type of porch "a long needed outdoor supplement to the indoor family or recreation room."

3-POINT LANDING

A totally new concept of home building, whereby components of a plastic house are literally poured from a helicopter, should become a reality this year. Henry Reichhold, president, Reichhold Chemicals, Inc., says plastic walls and foundations may be poured through hoses from aircraft fitted with equipment ordinarily used for cement mixing. Or, the helicopter could fly back and forth from the raw material source to the building site, dropping huge tanks full of plastic resin.

LIGHT LOGIC

More built-in lighting is on the way, particularly for "problem" rooms. A good example: strip lighting in corners which will make a small room seem larger.

MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICES loom as a boon to builders during "tough" sales periods. Continued success of this system of listing homes for sale through a number of realtors was demonstrated in San Antonio last year where more homes were sold than ever before.

WHAT ABOUT BUILDER PROFITS? There's great concern being shown by industry leaders over the growing number of builders going out of business because they just can't make any money. To find out how the profit picture shapes up for 1957, see AB's press-time roundup survey on page 19.

EXPENSIVE-LOOKING PROBLEMS for home builders are in the offing as more and more super roads are built under the Federal highway program. As new home-site areas open up along these major thoroughfares, a great need for water, park, sewerage, streets, schools and churches will develop. Frederick Wegner, NAHB's community facilities director, warns that projected programs will meet only forty per cent of the expected demand for these facilities within the next ten years.

HAS THE INCREASED FHA INTEREST RATE helped the industry? According to a Congressional staff report, "little or no" step-up has been felt in FHA's business. In addition, the report noted that "discounts that were being charged prior to the increase are still demanded by lenders." Despite anticipated changes, a cloud still lies over any projected action by Congress or the executive branch of government to loosen mortgage funds. FNMA's recent action reducing the price it will pay for government-insured mortgages indicates a further tightening of funds available for home loans.

A STEADILY INCREASING DEMAND FOR HIGHER HOUSING standards is seen by Kenneth Keyes, president, National Assn. of Real Estate Boards. This demand, however, is meeting many obstacles—the reduced rate of new production, rising costs, the shortage of mortgage money and other financial difficulties.

IT LOOKS LIKE APPLIANCES WILL NOT be barred from inclusion under FHA mortgages. FHA commissioner Norman Mason is opposed to such a plan because it would not change the practices of home owners buying appliances, but only force them to use conventional and more expensive means of financing.

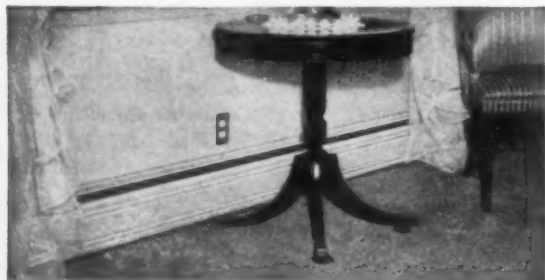


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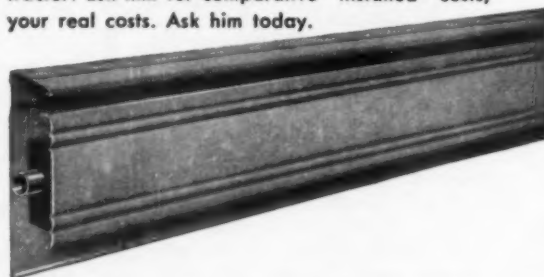


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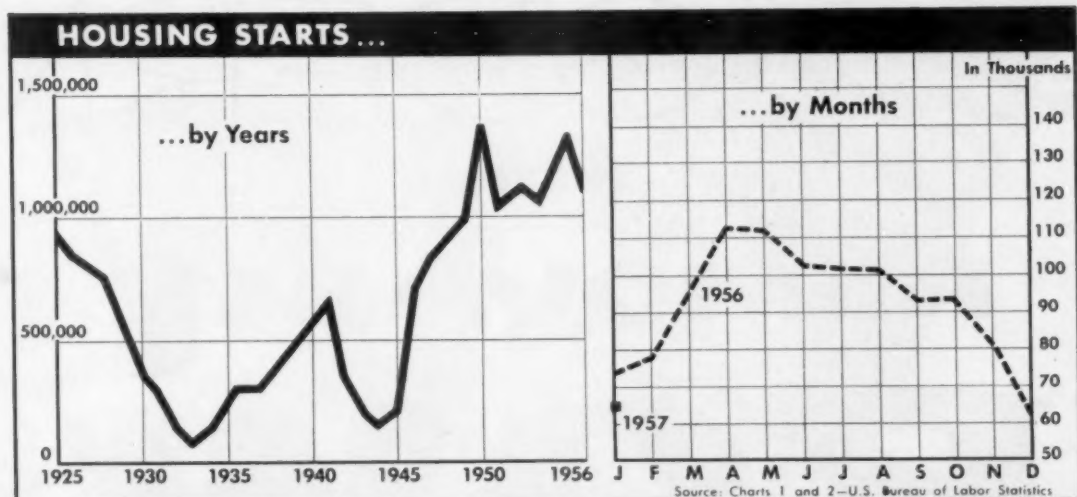


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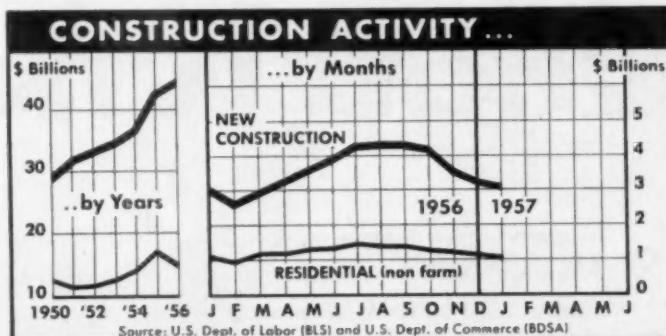
Pulse of Building



Interpretations: 1

As a harbinger of the spring upturn in housing activity, preliminary reports of units authorized by building permits revealed strong December-to-January gains in all sections of the country except North Central and New England states. Although applications for FHA insurance rose as usual in January by about 15%, VA appraisal requests (which also usually rise in January) continued to fall off. These figures indicate a better year than has been anticipated by many large volume builders.

DROPPING ABOUT 12% from January, 1956, housing starts hit 65,000 in January. This indicates a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,040,000, the lowest since September.



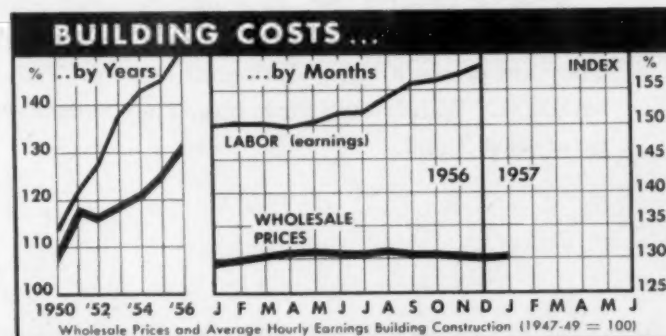
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CONTINUING AN UPWARD movement, December hourly earnings were 158.2. For the first time since August, material prices rose, due in part to gains in Douglas fir, plywood.

15 LEADING HOME BUILDING AREAS

Dwelling units built in Metropolitan areas during the first ten months of 1956. (BLS)

	Units Built	% Change Jan.-Oct. 1955-56
Los Angeles	77,987	-16
New York	66,777	-23
Chicago	45,309	-17
Detroit	28,370	-22
San Francisco	19,590	-32
Washington	15,428	-25
Miami	14,703	+ 2
Cleveland	11,043	-23
San Diego	10,745	+10
Baltimore	10,113	-23
Buffalo	8,959	-10
Boston	8,728	-14
Atlanta	8,402	-19
Denver	8,056	-30
Milwaukee	7,285	+ 1



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\$3 BILLION in total construction activity set a new January record. A more than usual drop in private work was offset by a lesser decline in public construction.

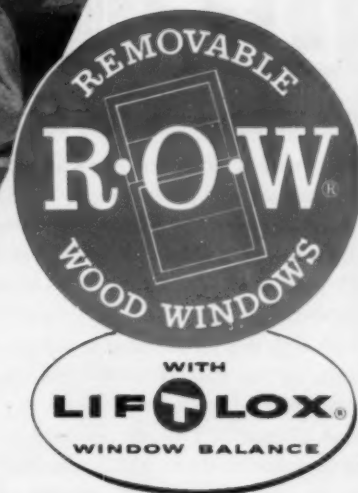
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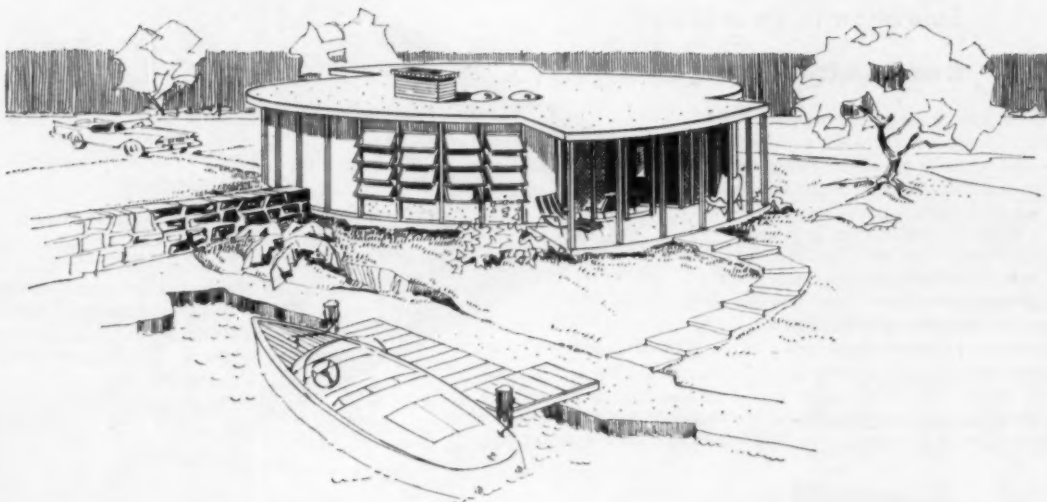
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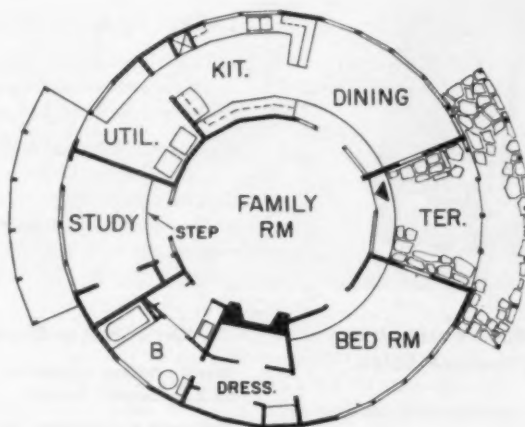
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sheets of gypboard—a minimum of waste.

"The inner circle (surrounding the family-living room) is broken into 2 ft. modules, again affording a minimum of waste, by using 2x8 sheets of gypboard in some instances and 2x8 plywood paneling in others. The family room is raised 20" above grade, and from this room one steps down into the outer

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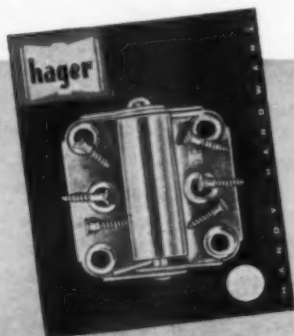
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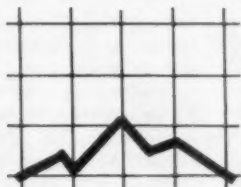
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WHAT'S HAPPENING TO BUILDER PROFITS?

Down—and going down—for now . . .

"Ill blows the wind which profits nobody." This famous quotation from Shakespeare's King Henry VI aptly describes conditions facing the home building industry. For, a combination of tight mortgage money, higher costs of land, materials and labor, FHA-VA's "out-dated" methods of appraisal, etc., have developed into a gale force gradually blowing down the profit structure of many of the country's home builders.

Just how long this "ill wind" will continue to blow is debatable. An extremely bright future is being forecast by leaders in the industry and allied fields. (See page 86) And, John Dickerman, NAHB's executive director, also points to bright horizons (page 25). But, for the present, it looks like there's tough sledding ahead.

A press-time survey by American Builder points up this discouraging fact: of the builders replying to the question: "How will your 1957 profits per house compare with those in 1956?" only 16 per cent thought they'd make more money this year; 12.5 per cent said they'd have about the same amount of profit; the balance expect their earnings to be anywhere from 2 per cent to 70 per cent lower.

A comprehensive summation of the general situation facing most builders comes from Cecil H. Mason, Savannah, Ga.:

"I expect my profits per house to drop at least 20 per cent during 1957. They have been dropping steadily on a per unit basis for the past 12 months.

"My average profit per house in 1955 was approximately \$1,700; in 1956, about \$1,500; and in 1957 probably \$1,200 or less."

Mason attributes this steady drop to higher costs and especially to the increased and idealistic VA-FHA requirements, many of which haven't even met his costs.

"VA and FHA cost analyses are always months behind," he stated. "VA is particularly flagrant on lot values . . . Lots that actually cost the developer \$1,400 are being appraised at \$1,750 and \$1,850 in a completely developed area."

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. . . but UP, UP, UP—A steady climb



is predicted for the future. See page 86 and "Dickerman's Column," page 25.

LOWER PROFITS, continued

Mason also called for an end to loan discounts, blaming them in a large part for the drop in profits.

"Unless," he concluded, "something is done to curb the Utopian egg heads in the FHA and VA central offices who are firing down new regulations every week, they will certainly succeed in protecting the little fellow out of the market."

Mason's opinion is not an isolated one. From all sections of the country, builders came up with the same answer: things are getting progressively tougher.

Hand-in-hand with the lower profit most builders anticipate, goes the fact that a great majority of those replying to AB's survey expect to sell less homes during 1957 than they did in 1956. This drop in sales ranges from a low of a "few less" to a high of 650 fewer houses. Projected on an industry-wide basis, indications are that there may be a good many less starts in 1957 than have been predicted in early estimates.

The Carl E. Bennett Construction Co., Minneapolis, is another company which expects lower per-unit profit and fewer sales. Reasons cited: shortage of mortgage money except at large discount rates; builders have no method of passing on added costs of mortgage money. The company believes these problems should be tackled by making FHA and VA more flexible according to the supply and demand for money. ("There are plenty of buyers, qualifying them is a problem.")

In the same vein, Harold J. Smith of Grand Prairie, Tex., said:

"I am building VA houses. Our VA office is one of the most conservative in valuations in the U.S. They appraise them as low as possible and then nothing is given for cost of money or merchandising, i.e., the cost of money will be more this year."

Out on the West Coast builders from both Los Angeles and San Francisco agreed their per house profit in 1957 will be down.

R. Reese Myers, Los Angeles: "High discount rates, slow sales eat up interest allowance. VA will not recognize our discount rates over one-and-one-half points. Profits will be down."

From San Francisco, William Blackfield reported: "Increasing costs against advanced sales, plus VA and FHA not recognizing increases and refusing to raise CRV's accordingly, will drop our profit 66 2/3 per cent. Blackfield expects to sell 100 homes in 1957, 650 less than in 1956.

In Atlanta, Fred G. Fett, Jr., blames higher discounts, more concessions to customers, higher advertising costs for an expected drop in profits. Similar reasons are cited by Gentry R. Davis of Omaha and W. G. Specht, Casper, Wyo.

From Baltimore, J. Henry Knott reports his problem stems from a soft sales market.

Some of the 12.5 per cent of builders who expect their 1957 profits to match those in 1956 plan a change in operations.

Says Elwood Treadwell, Niagara

Falls: "I am cutting my number of smaller houses and am going to build some larger houses for sale—also more custom building." Treadwell built 3 custom houses last year, expects to build 9 in 1957.

Another builder reports: "We have curtailed our house building in favor of commercial and remodeling for the present."

Walter S. Johnson, Niagara Falls, hopes to net about the same amount as last year. This was somewhat less than he received three or four years ago.

"In fact," he noted, "at the present time we could sell our land without any houses on same and make as much or more profit than we will make by building."

Another builder who anticipates no change is O. G. Grandquist, Des Moines, who says his profit should be the same even though his costs

LUMBER DEALERS . . .

How dealers can step up

by H. R. Northrup, Exec. Vice Pres., National Retail Lumber

One of our largest building products manufacturers has made a notable contribution to retail lumber dealers in the form of a motion picture, and accompanying book, dealing with the timely subject of "Profit Management."



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The film, based on a study by a firm of management consultants, states that the average building material dealer's profit is too low—too small a reward for the vital services he performs for the community and for the investment he has made in his business.

Three changes which have taken place in the character of the retail lumber business are cited as being largely responsible for the decline in profits which has taken place since 1946. First of the changes is the substantial increase in home-owner business. Second is the greatly expanded line of products being stocked by dealers, with the resulting complexity of inventory

and increased cost for storage and handling, particularly on specialty items. The third change is the great increase in services performed frequently at considerable expense to the dealer.

"In other words," the film points out, "the dealer provides more people with more things and more services but he now makes less profit."

Analyzing the effect of a higher percentage of consumer business, the film points out that in selling the home owner and do-it-yourself trade the average unit sale is obviously smaller than in contractor business.

There usually is an increase in accounts receivable; special selling effort is required and sales per man-hour are lower. All of this adds up to one inescapable conclusion: higher expense per dollar of sales.

"The most significant aspect of the declining trend in dealer profits is that it coincides with the period of highest rate of expansion of dealer's home-owner sales volume," the film states. "This does not,

will be up. He hopes to sell 30 homes in 1957 against 24 in 1956.

A few builders replying to AB's survey did strike an optimistic note. One of these, who anticipates an increase of 50 per cent in his profits, plans to cut production 50 per cent, pick sales closer, give his jobs closer supervision and not "get caught with unexpected discounts."

Alan Homes Inc., Cape Cottage, Me., sees a profit increase of 20 per cent per unit due to better control of estimating costs, some duplication of custom-built homes and the building of somewhat more expensive homes.

Perhaps the key to the whole problem was a cautiously-optimistic note sounded by Erlew Jennings, Wichita, Kan. He expects his profits to go up 100 per cent because of "less discounts." Jennings, however, qualifies this hope with a big question mark.

profits

Dealers Assn.

however, suggest that home-owner business should assume a position of less importance in your thinking. Actually it represents an exceptional opportunity to expand sales volume—and at a satisfactory profit."

"But it is essential that, first, increased selling and service costs be properly allocated to the types of sales to which they relate and, second, that a fair reimbursement be received for them. And this is just as essential in contractor business as it is in sales to the home-owner."

To further nail down the point that many dealers are not getting enough mark-up on their consumer sales, the firm then adds: "Be sure your price structure accurately reflects the cost of the products—and of the facilities and special services you provide for each type of customer."

Remember, dealers are not as much at the mercy of their competitors and their customers as many like to think."

There's a lot of sound advice in those few lines.

Meet the Builder



L. W. BISANZ, St. Paul, Minn.: We have always felt that a satisfied customer is our best salesman. We have a very aggressive post sales-public relations program and believe that this will pay even bigger dividends in the coming year.



EDWARD P. MILLER, Tacoma, Wash.: On the basis of a study we made, we are planning new models. Our chief hopes for a continued and assured sales volume rest on these new basic models which we believe fall in the area of greatest unfulfilled demand.



FRANK W. SHARP, Houston, Tex.: On the whole our summer sales campaign will be built around Sharpstown's recreational facilities — swimming pool, golf course and clubhouse. This will be combined with the general advantages of suburban living.



A. SIDNEY ROTH, Massapequa, N.Y.: Advertising for basic Cape Cods in our 200-house project will read: "The next best thing to being your own architect. Pick the plan that best meets your needs. No extra charge for this custom-type individuality."

Question:

What new techniques will you use to pep up summer sales?



WILLIAM SHRODER, Hartsdale, N.Y.: Capitalizing on minimum one-acre plots and scenic beauty of our site, our appeal will be: "There Is Plenty of Elbow Room in Land and House" and "How Would You Like to Wake Up With This View?"



WALTER L. TALLY, Doraville, Ga.: Radio advertising has pepped up sales more than anything else. Also, besides having a good inventory of houses in our subdivision, our architects will design the type of home buyers want.

**How about you?
Do you have any
question you'd like
to have discussed?
Write Meet the
Builder.**

16 problems you may have

... as discussed at the NAHB convention

THE PROBLEM

Money . . . Spokesmen for the nation's basic lending institutions predicted no relief for the mortgage market in next six months. Credit easing after midyear was seen. Sen. John Sparkman warned direct lending looms unless other means are found to channel money into home mortgages. He said builders are pricing themselves out of business and that VA rate hike would not be permanent remedy.

Business outlook . . . Builders interviewed by American Builder unanimously agreed the current decline in home building is only a temporary plateau. NAHB and guest economists forecast some 1,000,000 starts in 1957, a 10 per cent drop from 1956. But steadily burgeoning demand was seen in view of continuing boom and increasing savings, with 2,000,000 homes a year needed in 1960s.

FHA-VA financing . . . Officials of both agencies warned builders against keeping only sketchy records, recommended awareness of differences in FHA and VA policies valuations.

Changing markets . . . Effects of population shifts, differing credit needs, and other changes in factors bearing on home buying were shown to be calling for new approaches. FHA Commissioner Norman Mason said the average American with an FHA loan earns \$565 a month, has monthly housing expenses of \$111.50.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Work with other builders to formulate a positive housing policy. Advised economic consultant Robinson Newcomb: "When you can present your potential mortgagees with scientific data on market potentials comparable to the data you can now present on your engineering specifications, you should be much better able to talk turkey and get a larger percentage of the larger supply of money available in 1957. . . ."

Intensify your efforts to cut out a larger share of the market for yourself. Improve your merchandising strategy and techniques—advertising, promotion, selling. Be ready when the means are finally found to unleash the greatest period of prosperity—and home buying—this country has ever seen. Meanwhile, cut your costs at every corner and learn how to deliver more house for the least cost.

Document your complaints. Give source, time, nature; tell who received the notice; action taken, when and where. Get purchaser's signature. Keep records.

Adapt or die. The challenge of rising construction costs, Mason said, can be partially met by "improved methods, research, more thorough supervision of job costs." Become familiar with new avenues of investment made possible by changing markets.

to face in 1957 ...

THE PROBLEM

Government legislation ... NAHB demanded—and got indications of cooperation from guest members of Congress—federal legislation to help the housing industry. Specifically, NAHB called for: review of FHA's minimum down payment schedule and mortgage limit; extension of GI loan rights for WWII vets; boost in VA rate to parity with FHA's; expansion of FNMA's preferred stock by \$250-million and removal of the \$15,000 limit on mortgages sold to Fanny Mae; study of ways to distribute credit more equitably.

Profits ... Builders interviewed by American Builder at the convention agreed, almost to a man, that profits would be down in 1957. Blamed were: higher interest rates, rigid building restrictions, higher cost of land, tight money, higher cost of materials.

Merchandising ... Another of the "Five Ms" of building that comprised the convention theme. NAHB merchandising committee chairman John Bauer told few builders they need: 1) better advertising and promotion; 2) better selection and training of sales personnel; 3) better compensation for salesmen.

Credit ... Unfair competition for available credit was blasted by NAHB's outgoing president Joseph B. Haverstick. He called for "a major overhaul of the nation's credit control and taxation policies to avert a further slump in housing construction. . . ." Haverstick criticized special tax benefits that favored big capital spenders.

Business management ... Watch for hidden costs and taxes, builders were warned. They may be putting you out of business.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Let your congressmen know what you expect; accept the invitations of key housing legislators such as Sen. John Sparkman (Senate Subcommittee on Housing chairman), Olin Teague (House Veterans Affairs Committee chairman), Albert Rains (House Subcommittee on Housing chairman), and officials such as HHFA administrator Albert Cole and FHA Commissioner Norman Mason. All urge builders to advise them in drafting new legislation. Expect a series of actions following hearings going on in Washington since January.

Forget national averages. These same builders pointed out that their own particular market areas offered unique opportunities; e.g.: "We're experiencing a boom from an influx of new industries;" "Labor is very reasonable out our way;" "Income is rising in our rural area."

Enroll in this year's NAHB merchandising courses. They are given at the National Housing Center, Washington, D.C., every few months, cover all advertising media, sales management and techniques, marketing, promotion, etc. First course is set for April 8-10.

Get after your congressman to study present monetary and credit-control system and over-all tax structure to make them more equitable. Urge \$250-million increase in funds for FNMA. Encourage more consumer savings and early amortization. Aim for new mortgage credit sources.

Tighten up your cost accounting. Fix overhead to production costs. Spread out indirect costs over the number of units you build.

GOING TO PRESS

16 PROBLEMS YOU MAY HAVE TO FACE IN 1957 continued

THE PROBLEM

Community facilities . . . "We are attempting to finance modern city living with a tax structure designed to support rural living," said Harry Boswell, Jr., chairman of NAHB's community facilities committee.

Air conditioning . . . Lessons learned from the Austin village showed that cross-ventilation and exposure to breeze, jogs and ells are no longer correct.

Manpower . . . "Home builders will be competing with heavy highway contractors in the skilled craft field" in 1957, warned W. F. Patterson, special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Labor. . . . St. Louis builder John Bogdanor warned that labor may soon negotiate contracts regionally by local groups.

Design and layout . . . Architects lambasted the trend toward substituting gadgets and glamorous extras for good layout, and the bizarre for simplicity in design. "All the gadgets on God's green earth will not sell a bad house, but a well-planned design will," said Long Island builder Daniel Grady.

Materials and methods . . . Cost reductions of up to 20 per cent are possible while producing the same quality house, builders heard. How? Throw the book out the window, said Robert Schmitt, Berea, Ohio, builder, and ask: "Is this the best method, design, and material for this job?" Said Wilmington, Del., masonry contractor Clarence Burris, Jr.: "There will be more changes in the next five years in the bricklaying industry than in the last 100."

Highways . . . Success of the multi-billion-dollar federal program depends on development of local roads, said Pyke Johnson, chief consultant, President's advisory committee on the highway program.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

The answer, says Boswell, "is some pooling of the resources in a natural economic area, along with a form of government which will give a maximum of service at a minimum of cost. . . . State legislation, making possible reforms in local government, is essential. . . ."

Realize that houses built before air conditioning are dead wrong now. Orient the house not for the breeze but away from the sun.

Embrace the apprenticeship program, employ and train embryo mechanics under approved programs. . . . Recognize that there are statesmen among labor leaders; respect their research facilities. . . . Work together with contractors both locally and nationally.

"What we need today," opined architect Hank York, Long Island, "is to spend more time on design and layout to make every model house a house with something new, something different—new enough to make a story but not new only to be different and not different to a point of becoming stupid."

Make it your business to control the entire operation of producing a product. Said Schmitt: "We can no longer afford the luxury of a sub-contractor who makes his installation without knowledge of latest methods, tools, materials, or related production phases." Added Glen Shields, chief plumbing inspector for Detroit: "There are many savings to be made in the correction of building codes and especially 'outmoded' plumbing codes."

"Sit down with your public officials, apprise them of your local interest, find out what the obstacles are. . . . Attend the public hearings on road building, and lend your support," said Johnson.

THE PROBLEM

Prefabs . . . PHMI Pres. George E. Price predicted the advantages "will become increasingly important to builders now waging a losing battle against rising costs. The firm price we offer . . . insures against any rise in costs. . . ."

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Note conversion of George Nixon, first NAHB president and long an active foe of prefabs. Listing advantages, he said dealer knows his exact costs; his capital turns over faster; VA and FHA standards are established; help in construction and permanent financing is available, along with sales and promotion aid.

DICKERMAN'S COLUMN . . .

Bright horizons loom around the corner

by John M. Dickerman, Executive Director, National Assn. of Home Builders

Even in times of crisis, such as home building now is experiencing because of the acute shortage of mortgage money, it is well for an industry to look beyond the present and into the future.

The National Association of Home Builders, through its recently established long range planning committee, has been doing just that. And it's pleasant, in this particular period of rough-going, to be able to report there are some bright housing market horizons ahead. True, some are distant, and must of necessity include certain broad assumptions, but the overall outlook is highly encouraging.

Historically, population changes and home building have a close kinship. Population is, of course, not the only influence on home building. But, the rate of its increase, or decrease, its composition by age groups, the birth and death rates, and the movement of people, all vitally affect the operations of the home-building industry. Our population is growing—and assuming no major economic recession or total war—so will the housing market in the next decade.

One major indication is the rate of household formations. For the

next several years the rate will be down from 1950-1955's average of 977,000. However, a moderate improvement will set in around 1960. This trend is expected to continue until sometime in the mid-1960's, when household formations will climb sharply with a salutary impact on the housing market.

Household formations are linked primarily to the 20-24 age group—the peak group for marriages. The median age for marriage currently is 20.2 years for women and 22.7 for men. The decline in this age group, currently at its lowest levels since about 1930, has brought about the present decline of household formations and has retarded the growth of the labor force. The sharp upturn in the birthrate of the early 1940s will be reflected in this marriageable age group in the mid-1960s and, assuming employment opportunities, will create a brisk upturn in housing demand.

It is recognized, of course, that household formations are only one aspect of the housing market. The demand for larger homes—the result of larger families—is now playing an important role in the housing market, and will continue to. And, as the existing supply of housing increases in age—and about two-thirds of the present housing is 25 or more years of age—the attrition rate also is likely to increase. There now are unofficial

estimates that between 250,000 and 300,000 houses annually are demolished or are otherwise destroyed. The new Federal highway program, now just getting into motion, may well have a sharp upward impact in the demolition field.

In recent months, increasing attention has been paid to housing for the aging. Even more attention is going to be required. The improvement in mortality rates has made the "65 and over" age group the fastest growing one of the entire population. There are indications the present decline in mortality rates will continue.

For the nation as a whole, recent trends indicate that our population in 1960 will be 179,400,000; in 1965 it will be 193,300,000; and in 1970, 209,400,000. This points to one significant conclusion. If cities and suburban communities now are having problems with schools, water and sanitation lines; streets and all of the other amenities of our American standard of living—and they are—these problems are just a drop in the bucket to those that lie ahead.

The answer lies in making a united effort—and the home building industry will cooperate to the fullest—in reaching sound solutions to our present-day problems and immediately beginning to plan intelligently for our future population growth.

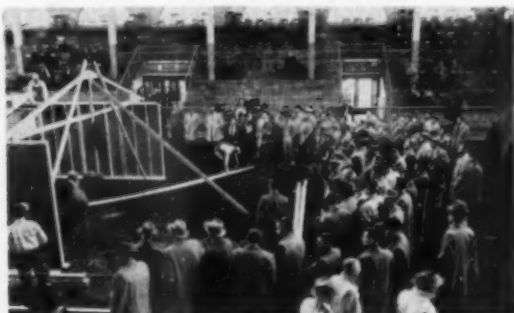


Dickerman



NAHB'S TOP TEAM: 1957 officers elected at 13th annual convention include: (L. to R.) Martin L. Bartling, Jr., treasurer; Nels Severin, first vice president; George

S. Goodyear, president; Carl T. Mitnick, second vice president; and John E. Bauer, secretary. Officials take over as industry faces some of its most crucial problems.



HIP ROOF built from nail-glued roof trusses was among demonstrations held at Small Homes Council's 12th annual short course in residential construction.



SMART MERCHANDISING: Information in Home Facts booklet aids Gerrard Berman to show products in his Gibraltar Estates, N.J., project. Other builders can get booklets from Home Facts, Inc., New Canaan, Conn.



EDITORS judge utility co. entries in *Living's* Electrical Living program: W. Koelling, AB; R. Chastney, House & Home; D. Stetson, Practical Builder; R. Armstrong, Electrical Merchandising; D. Braymer, Electrical World.

Pictures in the news

Bright stars shine over Texas: building may pick up in '57

Although Texas is the "mostest," the home building situation there isn't. It doesn't look much better than the rest of the country's.

But Texas, a magic state, can quote some statistics that point the way to a better year in '57, compared to the rest of the nation.

First, the already high rate of family formation is due for a big jump. The bumper crop of post-war babies is growing up. Colleges are bracing themselves for the largest enrollment ever. Beyond college years lie home-buying years for these young people.

Second, some building appraisers say a certain proportion of the hurriedly-built post-war housing is likely to depreciate more rapidly than normal. And unless economic conditions discourage the buying public, this may tend to raise the replacement market.

Despite the fact that for the first months of 1956, compared to 1955, Texas residential building dropped more sharply than any other major state—down 36 per cent as against a national average of 18 per cent—a small back-log of demand has probably accumu-

lated. It is hoped that 1957 may be a better year in some areas.

Like the rest of the country, 1956 was a poor building year in Texas. It is estimated that 450 million dollars in housing authorizations would allow for some improvement in 1957.

One good example can be found in Dallas. Although most Dallas builders feel that despite some corrective measures nothing short of a miracle can elevate business above last year's pace, local statistics point toward the fact that the city may fare somewhat better than the national average.

Records kept by the Dallas Power and Light Co. show that by January 1 there were approximately 2,400 homes under construction within that company's service area. This number is almost identical to the number of homes under construction at the peak of the 1950 building boom—the second best year in Dallas' residential building history.

In addition, banks and savings institutions have upped interest rates on savings accounts to 2½ per cent and 3½ per cent respectively in an effort to attract more working capital.

Another optimistic note was the announcement last December of a 3,000 home development costing \$60,000,000. The project, called Singing Hills, is within city limits and represents one of the few remaining tracts of land near major city facilities for development.



BIG TEXAS sent big delegations to NAHB convention. Arriving in Chi-

cago is the Houston group above, and below, the Dallas contingent.



People and Events

In California, the new Central Orange County Chapter of the BCA just installed its officers. Larry Wedin was named first president of the new organization and Kenneth White, vice president. . . . Herbert A. Crocker is this year's president of Associated Home Builders, Inc. (San Francisco and Marin.) Other officers are: M. Douglass Couch, vice president, George McKeon, secretary, and Rollin E. Meyer, Jr., treasurer. . . .

For the second time in two successive years, Los Angeles architects Palmer and Krisel were awarded two of the Awards of Merit annually presented by the NAHB at its national convention. It marks the first time that any architectural firm was so honored.

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We have here more than a mere paste-on of shoji-type screens and off-angled pagoda eaves. Significant oriental elements like breezeways and thoughtful landscaping related to the indoor view are combined with the best of American floor planning in this '1956 Parade entry in La Canada, Cal., by Howland & Rice, Inc.

Garage, residence and pool-side dressing-storage room are tied together with an interesting roof-line of deep-textured shingles. Covered walk-ways and overhangs mark the transition to outdoors, especially on the garden side, where two bedrooms, living and family room open with sliding glass. Almost every window opens on a fresh bit of plant-

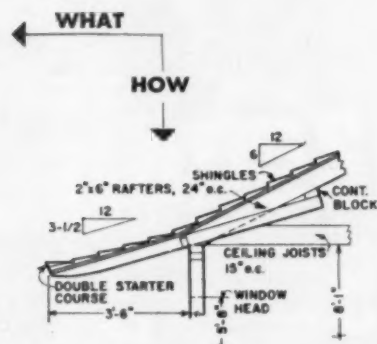
ing, such as the miniature oriental pool—stepping stones, plants, and all—at the left of the main entrance, hidden at front by a screen but with two louvered windows from front bedroom and bath.

The other front bedroom keynotes the flexibility of the entire plan. Usable as a den or quiet room, it is connected to the second bath and through that to the passageway to kitchen or garage.

The kitchen is distinguished by ceramic tile and strongly grained wood cabinets, with built-in Western Holly gas cooking units and dark Servel refrigerator. Rough, sculptured texture is dominant in draperies, wall coverings and furniture, chosen to further the oriental theme.

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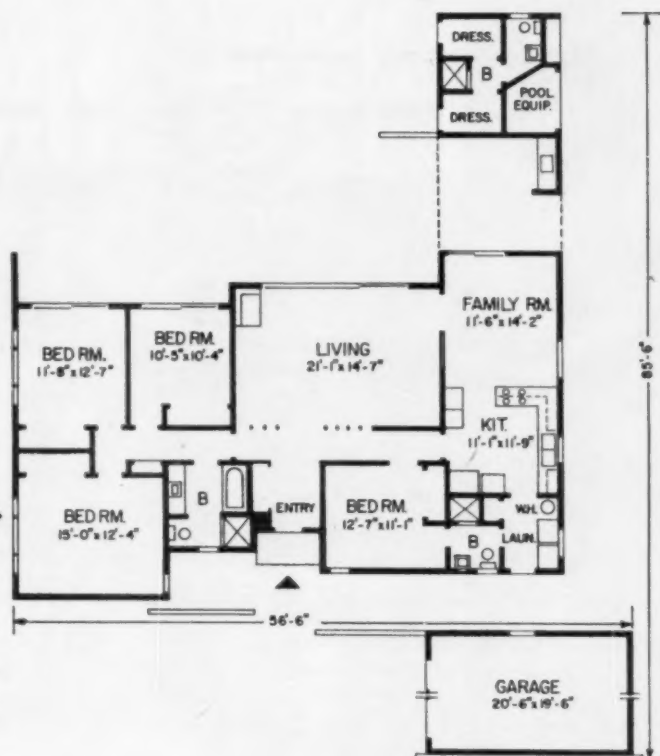
oriental roof . . .



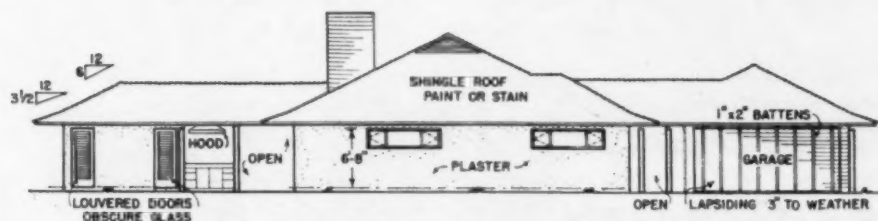
FLARED EAVE effect of The Mikado is achieved by using 4x4 false rafters 24" o.c., shaped at bottom, for overhang. Note change from 6-12 to 3½-12 pitch.

PLAN SHOWS how main entry (carpeted) distributes traffic in three directions. Kitchen has privacy, but is convenient to living, family and utility areas.

ROOF LINES and screens introduce oriental feeling, which is carried out by covered breezeways, careful landscaping, and easy access to outdoors.



. . . on an American plan



SOUTH elevation shows three structures under one roof.

DOOR LITERATURE AND PRODUCTS

New guide to Barcol OVERdoors products and installation

New 16-page catalog presents the Barcol OVERdoors line of top-quality residential, commercial, and industrial overhead doors. Products fully discussed and illustrated are Barcol Doorman electronic controls for garage doors and lights; new Weather-King Flush overhead doors; Weather-King Panel doors; commercial and industrial Electric, Radio, and Special Controls; and Barcol WARDROBE doors for schools. Specifications and instruc-



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New brochure on

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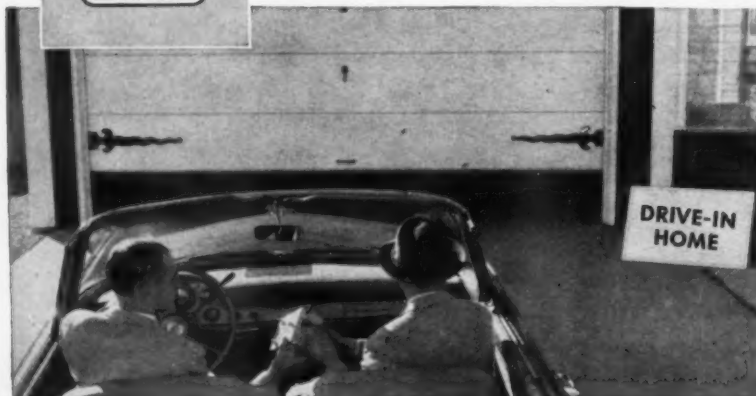
Newly revised eight-page brochure describes Weather-King Flush Barcol OVERdoor Sections, important new product that introduces weatherproof hard-board-faced honey-comb-core sandwich construction to overhead garage and industrial doors. Weather-King Flush sections cost no more than plywood, yet are guaranteed against weathering and have insulation value equal to that of a standard 5-in. house wall. Closures are weather-resistant redwood. Booklet illustrates and describes these advantages, as well as superior strength, lightness, and resistance to fire, vermin, and decay. Specific comparisons with various door materials are given. Attractive appearance and modern design possibilities are discussed. For free copy, write Barber-Colman Company, Dept. Q273, Rockford, Illinois.

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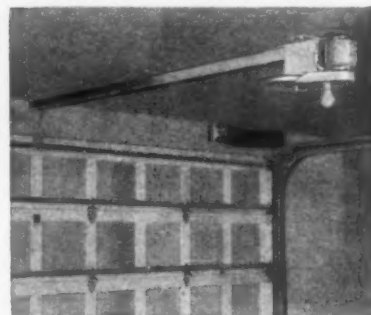
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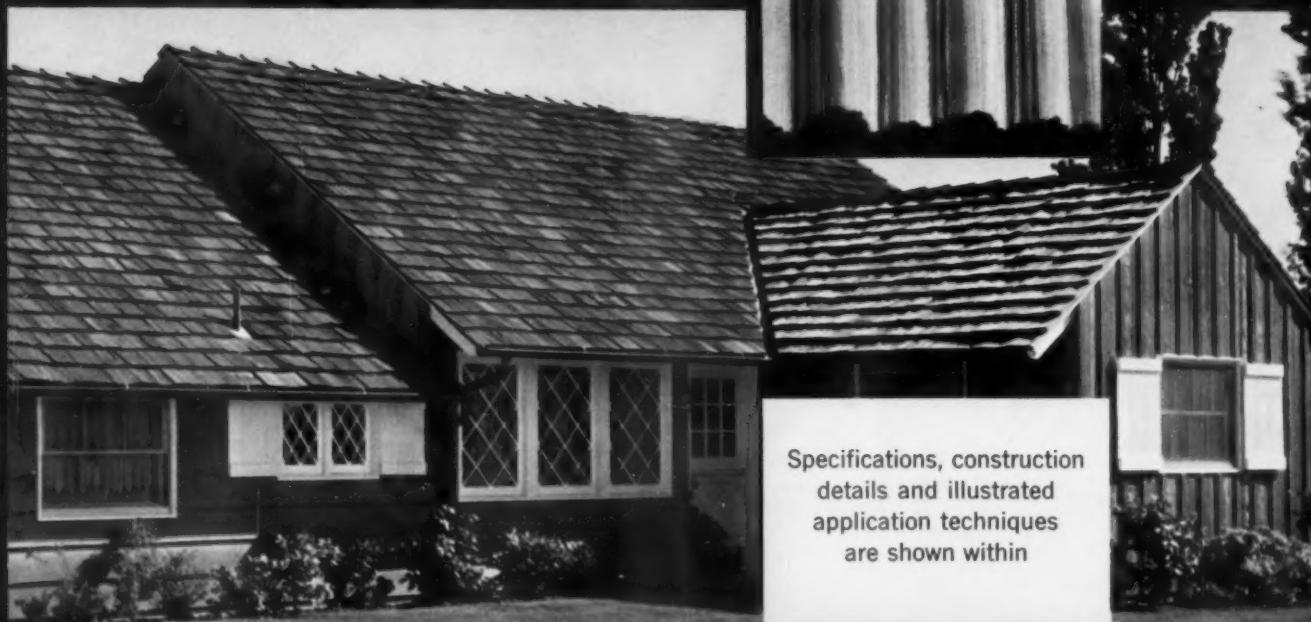
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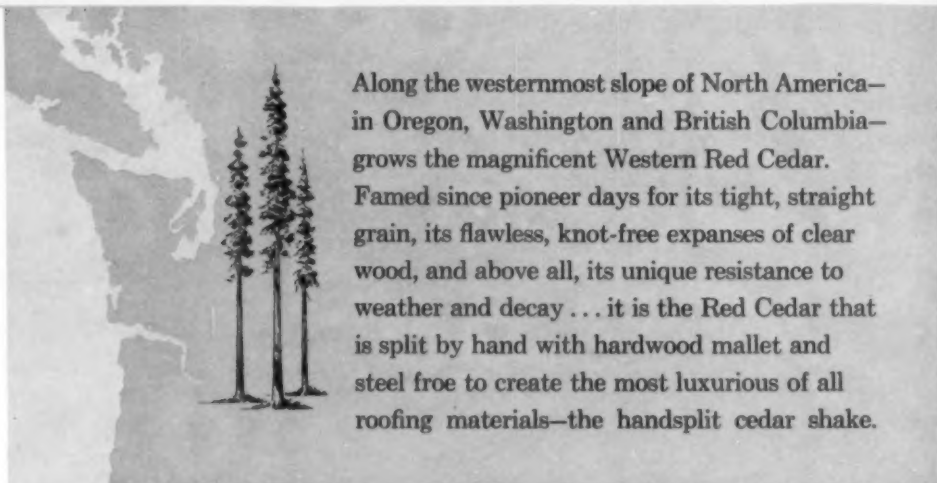
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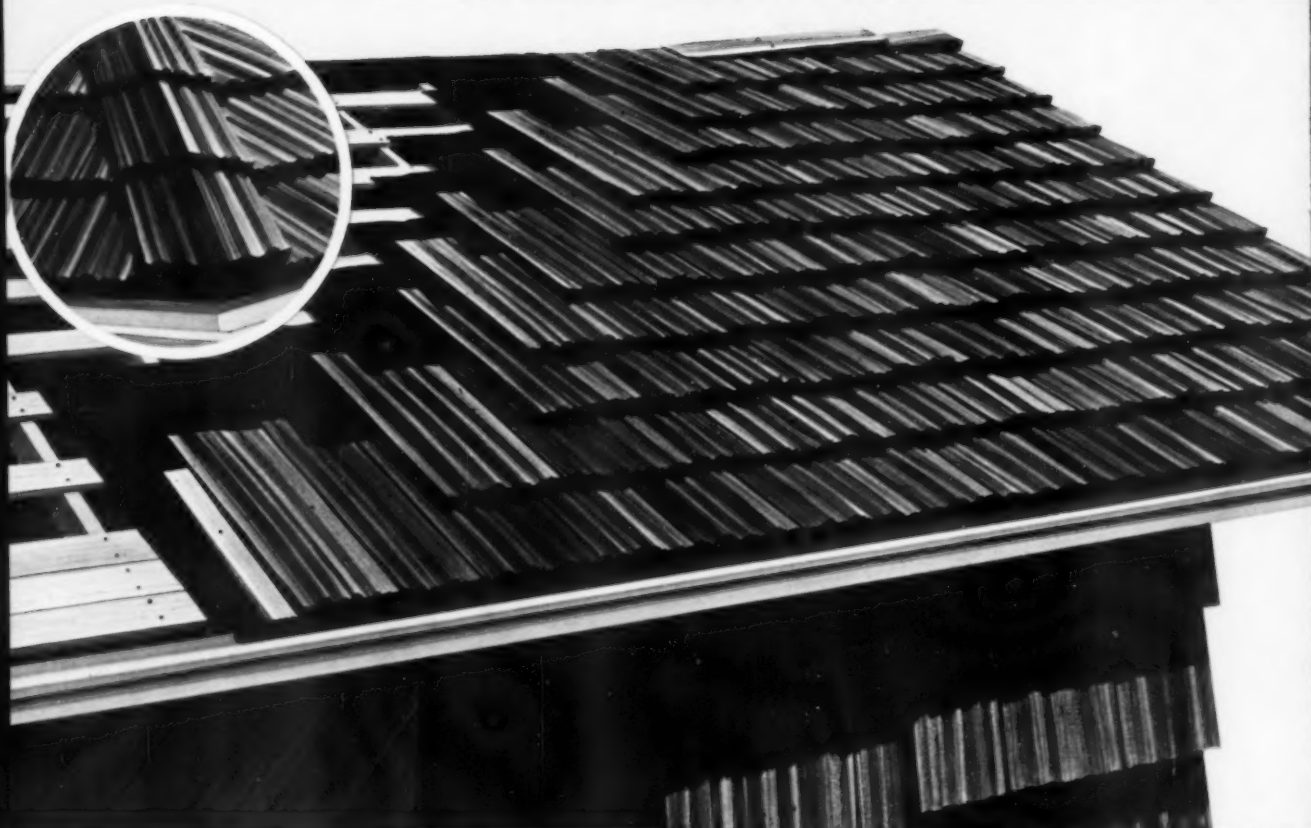


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Summary of Sizes, Packing Rules and Coverage Chart

*—Recommended maximum weather exposure for 3-ply roof construction.

**—Recommended maximum weather exposure for 2-ply roof construction.

†—Recommended maximum weather exposure for single-coursed wall construction.

Length and Thickness	No. of Courses Per Bundle	No. of Bundles Per Square	Approximate coverage of one square based on following weather exposures:												
			5½"	6½"	7"	7½"	8"	8½"	9"	10"	11"	11½"	13"	15"	
18"x¾" to 1¼" Handsplit-&-Resawn	10/10	4	55*	65	70	75	80	85†**							
18"x¾" to 1¼" Handsplit-&-Resawn	8/8	5	55*	65	70	75	80	85†**							
24"x¾" to 1¼" Handsplit-&-Resawn	10/10	4		65	70	75*	80	85	90	100**	110	115†			
24"x½" to ¾" Handsplit-&-Resawn	10/10	4		65	70	75*	80	85	90	100**	110	115†			
24"x¾" to 1¼" Handsplit-&-Resawn	8/8	5		65	70	75*	80	85	90	100**	110	115†			
32"x¾" to 1¼" Handsplit-&-Resawn	6/7	6							90	100*	110	115	130**	150†	
24"x½" to ¾" Tapersplit	10/10	4		65	70	75*	80	85	90	100**	110	115†			
18"x¾" Straight-Split Barn Shakes	19 Straight	5	65*	75	80	90	95	100†							
24"x¾" Straight-Split Barn Shakes	16 Straight	5		65	70	75*	80	85	90	100	110	115†			

Recommended Handsplit Cedar Shake Application

ROOF SHEATHING—The roof deck may be either spaced or solid sheathing, depending upon the climatic conditions of the region. In snow-free areas, spaced sheathing is practical, using 1 x 4's (or wider) spaced on centers equal to the weather exposure at which the shakes are to be laid, but not over 10 inches. In areas where wind-driven snow is encountered, a roof deck of solid sheathing, normally shiplap, is recommended, unless the roof pitch is one-third (8-in-12) or steeper. The solid sheathing should be covered completely with an unsaturated type of building paper, such as rosin-sized building paper or deadening felt.

ROOF PITCH AND EXPOSURES—Handsplit shakes should be used on roofs where the slope or "pitch" is sufficient to insure good drainage. Minimum recommended pitch is one-sixth or 4-in-12 (4 inch vertical rise for each 12 inch horizontal run). Maximum recommended weather exposure is 13 inches for 32-inch shakes, 10 inches for 24-inch shakes, and 8½ inches for 18-inch shakes. A superior three-ply roof can be achieved at slight additional cost if these exposures are reduced to 10 inches for 32-inch shakes, 7½ inches for 24-inch shakes, and 5½ inches for 18-inch shakes.

ROOF APPLICATION—Along the eave line, a 36-inch wide strip of 30-pound roofing felt should be laid over the sheathing boards. The beginning or starter course at the eave line should be doubled; as a measure of economy, the bottom course can be of 18-inch shakes, or 18-inch or 24-inch shingles. After each course of shakes is applied, an 18-inch wide strip of 30-pound roofing felt should be applied over the top portion of the shakes and extending onto the sheathing, with the bottom edge of the felt positioned at a distance above the butt equal to twice the weather exposure. For example, if 24-inch shakes are being laid at 10-inch exposure, the bottom edge of the felt should be applied 20 inches above the shake butts; the strip will then cover the top four inches of the shakes and extend 14 inches onto the sheathing.

Individual shakes should be spaced apart about ¼ to ⅜ inches, to allow for possible expansion. These joints or "spaces-between-shakes" should be broken or off-set at least 1½ inches in adjacent courses, and the joints in alternate courses should not be in direct alignment.

In applying straight-split shakes, which are of equal thickness throughout, the "free-end" of the shakes (the end from which they have been split, and which is smoother than the other end) should be laid uppermost. This will insure a tighter and more weather-resistant roof.

HIPS AND RIDGES—For the final course at the ridge line, as well as for hips and ridges, 18-inch shakes can be used. A strip of 30-pound roofing felt, at least 12 inches wide, first should be applied to the sheathing over the crown of all hips and ridges. Hips and ridges should always be fabricated with shakes, in the interests of harmonious appearance. Factory-assembled hip-and-ridge units can be used, or the hips and ridges may be applied on the site. In site-construction of hips, shakes approximately six inches wide are sorted out. Two wooden straightedges are tacked on the roof, five inches from the center-line of the hip, one on each side. The starting course of shakes is doubled and the butts trimmed in line with the starting course at the eave line. The first shake on the hip is nailed in place with one edge resting against the guide strip. The edge of the shake projecting over the center of the hip is cut back on a bevel. The shake on the opposite side then is applied and the projecting edge cut back to fit. Shakes in the following courses are applied alternately in reverse order. Weather exposure should be the same as that given the shakes on the roof. Ridges are constructed in a similar manner.

VALLEYS—All valleys should be underlaid with a strip of 30-pound roofing felt applied over the sheathing and extending at least 10 inches on each side of the center-line. The metal valley sheets should be at least 20 inches wide, laid over the roofing felt, and the use of center-crempled material is recommended. Valley and flashing metals should be selected on basis of materials which experience has shown are suitable in the local territory.

PROPER NAILING—Rust-resistant nails, preferably hot-dipped zinc-coated or aluminum, should be used in applying handsplit shakes. The 6d size, which is two inches long, normally is adequate, but longer nails should be used if necessary because of shake thickness and/or weather exposure. Nails should be long enough for adequate penetration into the sheathing boards. Two nails should be used for each shake, driven at least one inch from each edge and about one or two inches above the butt line of the following course.

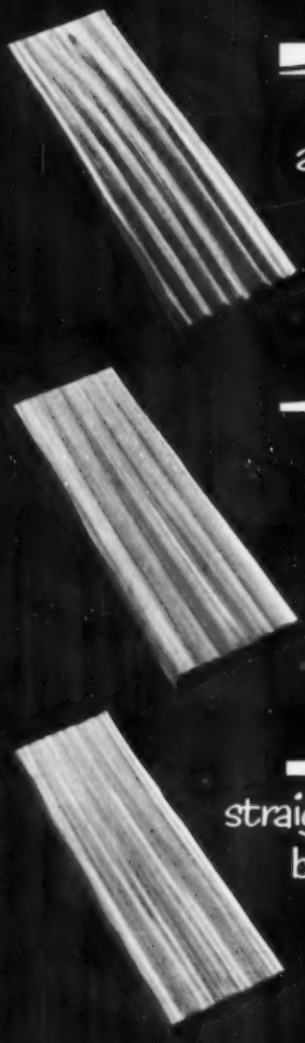
WALL APPLICATION—Maximum recommended weather exposures with single-coursed wall construction are 8½ inches for 18-inch shakes, 11½ inches for 24-inch shakes, and 15 inches for 32-inch shakes. Shakes also can be applied double-coursed, with an underlay of regular cedar shingles for each course; with such construction, 18-inch shakes can be laid at weather exposures up to 14 inches, and 24-inch shakes up to 20 inches. Butt-nailing is necessary with double-coursed application, while concealed nailing is customary with single-coursed construction.



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▼ THE NAHB SHOW IN CHICAGO WAS THE GREATEST EVER. Teeming with activity day and night the show provided education and entertainment to the point of exhaustion. No matter what his desire or his problem the alert builder found answers among the 778 product displays, or during the dozens of meetings and panel discussions held during the week. And when evening drew near, scores of hospitality rooms welcomed him. Full days and full nights—full heads and full stomachs! Some of the important subjects touched were: WHAT ABOUT MORTGAGE MONEY? Consensus was that strong demand for money by factors other than the housing industry will prolong the credit squeeze on housing for the first half of 1957. After that the situation may be better but nobody seemed too sure. NAHB is bringing all possible pressure on Congress to increase the VA interest rate to bolster FNMA and to take steps to remove the inequity for the housing industry in the tight money policy of the Federal Reserve Board. HOW ABOUT MARKETS? Here unbridled

optimism reigned for those builders who can ride out the present stormy weather. The "golden sixties" lie ahead according to statisticians and economists. The current 66-billion-dollar construction volume will rise to 100 billion dollars annually by 1967, and the demand for new dwelling units will reach 2,000,000. (See p. 86 for more about the optimistic future.) Contributing to this fantastic growth are a variety of factors:

- Current birth rate is highest in history.
- Average family income will increase from \$5,200 in 1954 to \$6,760 in 1965.
- Increase in number of family formations is assured because the number of males reaching 20-24 years old, which is the marrying age, will practically double during the next decade.
- A sharp rise in the number of 8-14 year old children from 40,000,000 to 70,000,000 and in oldsters of 65, from 12,000,000 to 21,000,000 will necessitate tremendous changes in housing.
- America's taste is improving. People are no longer satisfied with

dingy, obsolete homes. The "step-up" market will absorb millions of homes.

▼ CAUTION! Mounting costs for land, labor and materials plus higher costs of general overhead, selling and financing will have a tendency to force prices of homes beyond the reach of the mass public. Norman P. Mason, FHA Commissioner, said this challenge must be met by improved methods of construction, research and keeping a tight rein on all costs.

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▼ **LABOR CAN BE A SERIOUS PROBLEM** says W. F. Patterson of the U. S. Department of Labor, unless the training program for construction workers is greatly stepped up. In addition to the requirements of the expanding building industry, Patterson pointed out that 400,000 building tradesmen, carpenters, cement masons, structural iron workers and operating engineers will be needed in the new multi-billion dollar highway program. He recommends that more home builders embrace the apprenticeship program by employing and training embryo mechanics under approved programs.

▼ **LOOKING AHEAD.** Dr. Ralph Lapp, nuclear scientist, said that as uranium becomes a source of cheap power, entire new communities will be developed in areas where lack of power or high-cost power is now a deterrent. . . . The National Highway Act of 1956 requires the construction of 41,000 miles of interstate roads within 15 years. In addition it provides for co-operation with each state in developing highways within the state. How many service stations, motels, restaurants and other buildings will this entail? And since time and not miles is the measure of how far city center's

suburban areas can be developed, who can estimate the effect upon residential building of this gigantic highway program? . . . Buckminster Fuller, world-famed engineer, stated that due to the fantastic development in air transportation, lying just ahead, all previous concepts of living habits will have to be changed. Man will be able to fly to Bangkok and back within one day—the whole world will be his backyard. His office, his home, and his playgrounds will all be affected. He predicted that the arctic and the desert will be conquered and made habitable. . . . Dr. Arthur Upgren of Dartmouth stated that the annual expenditure of more than five billion dollars on research by American business is proof positive that the habits and face of America will continue to change—and such change usually means new construction of one kind or another.

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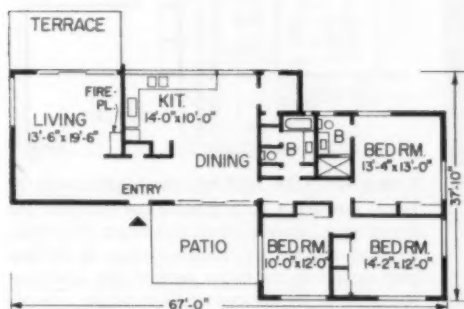


A WELL-PLANNED KITCHEN is easy to work in. This one in the Amberwood House fills the bill. The work center boasts built-in appliances like Chamber's gas range

and oven. Uninterrupted work counter surfaces are ceramic tile by Gladding McBean & Co. A counter wall with look-through space separates kitchen from living room.

CHECKLIST FOR A WESTERN KITCHEN:

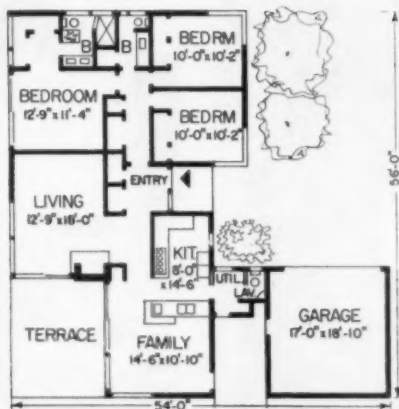
Are you planning for ...



DINING ROOM AND KITCHEN are merged into one unit. Patio is reached through service entrance.

- **Island counters? They're popular.** Do you have them? →
- **A terrace near the kitchen?** →
- **Open-planning? Is the kitchen easily reached?** →
- **Is a family room nearby?** →
- **Glamorous built-ins? Housewives want them.** →

Island counters make one room into two



UNUSUAL ROOM DIVIDER: a double sink with breakfast bar separates the family room and kitchen. This large living area can be used as one or two rooms. The kitchen (background) has twin O'Keefe & Merritt gas ovens and a built-in range top with only the burner units exposed. A built-in barbecue can be reached from the patio or kitchen. Floor, by Robbins, gave its name to the house, Adrian's "Harlequin."

The kitchen near a terrace creates space

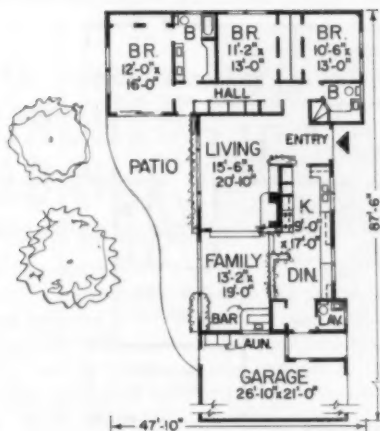


CORE OF THE HOUSE: the kitchen with its island counter acts as a separator between the living room, activity room and foyer. The activity room (background) leads directly to the terrace—opening the living area to the outdoors. Recessed in the tile-covered top of the counter are Westinghouse electrical cooking units. This all-electric house was designed by Palmer and Krisel for Midwood Construction Co.

Give your house function—open up the plan



YOU CAN BE SURE that when the main living area leads directly to the kitchen, you will have a well-organized, active house. Here the dining room is part of the kitchen. It overlooks the family room and has a wood planter which acts as a separating wall. The family room leads directly into the living room—its highpoint, a fireplace wall.

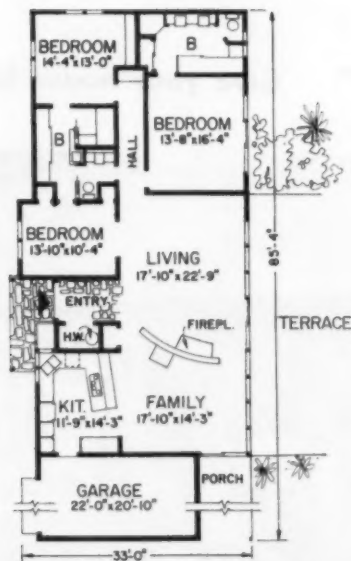


A MODERN KITCHEN IS COMPACT. This is a view of the kitchen seen from the dining area. On the left is a gas range by Western Holly. The other side of the wall houses the living room fireplace. Right next to the range is a Western Holly built-in oven, and just a bit farther down a built-in refrigerator. The house in Rialto, Cal., was built by James Z. Bayer, and is appropriately called Bayer's House of Charm.



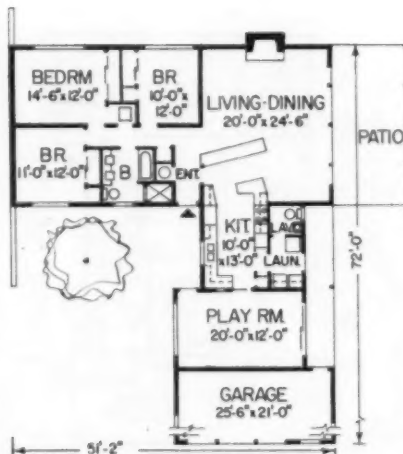
CHECKLIST FOR A WESTERN KITCHEN continued

▼ Today, they want a family room



A KITCHEN NEEDS A FAMILY ROOM— it should be close by. Out in Lemon Heights West, Santa Ana, Cal., the breakfast bar acts as a separator. This large living area affords easy circulation from room to room. Electric appliances, by Westinghouse, are completely built-in. An unusual free-standing fireplace has a metal hood and raised hearth on living room side, and an indoor barbecue on family room side.

▼ Built-ins add glamour: use them



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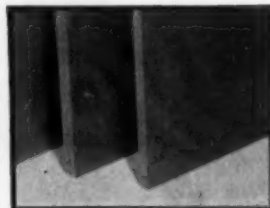


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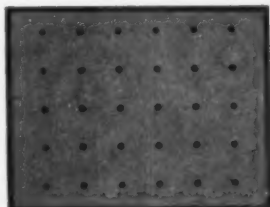


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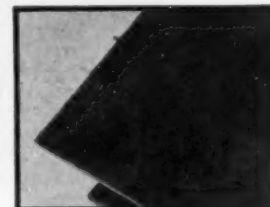


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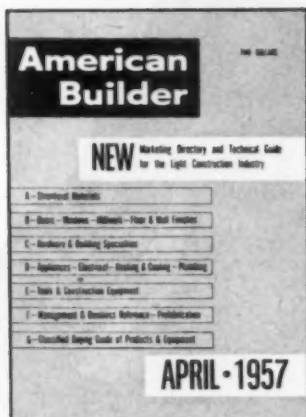
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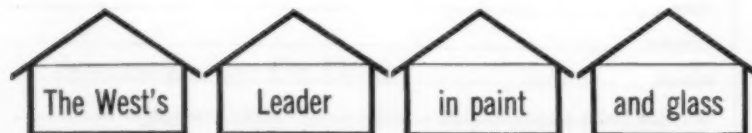
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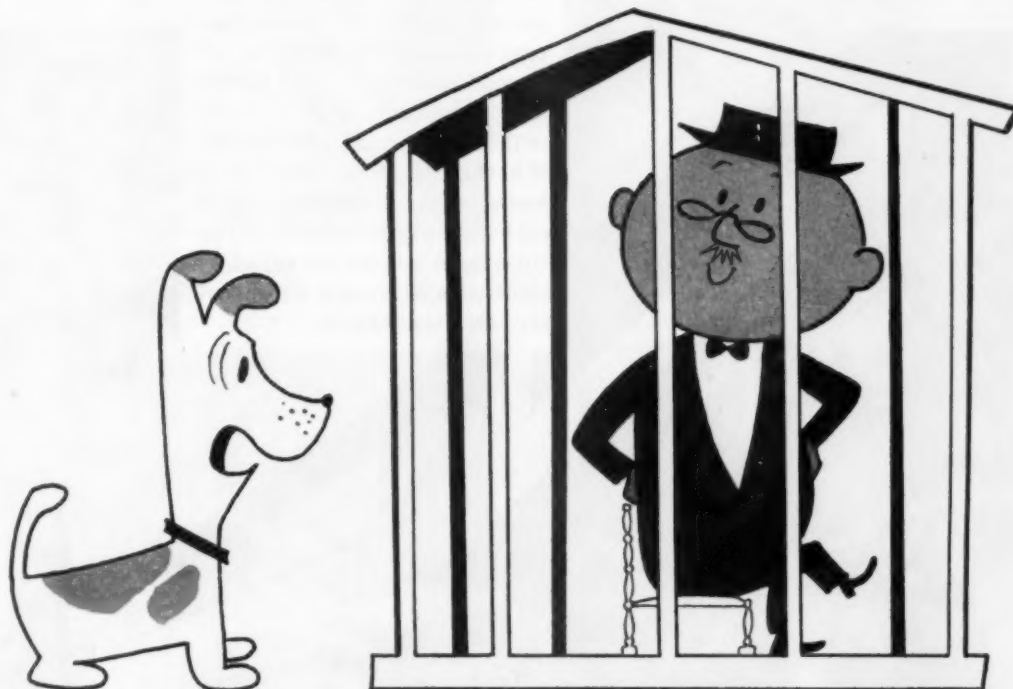
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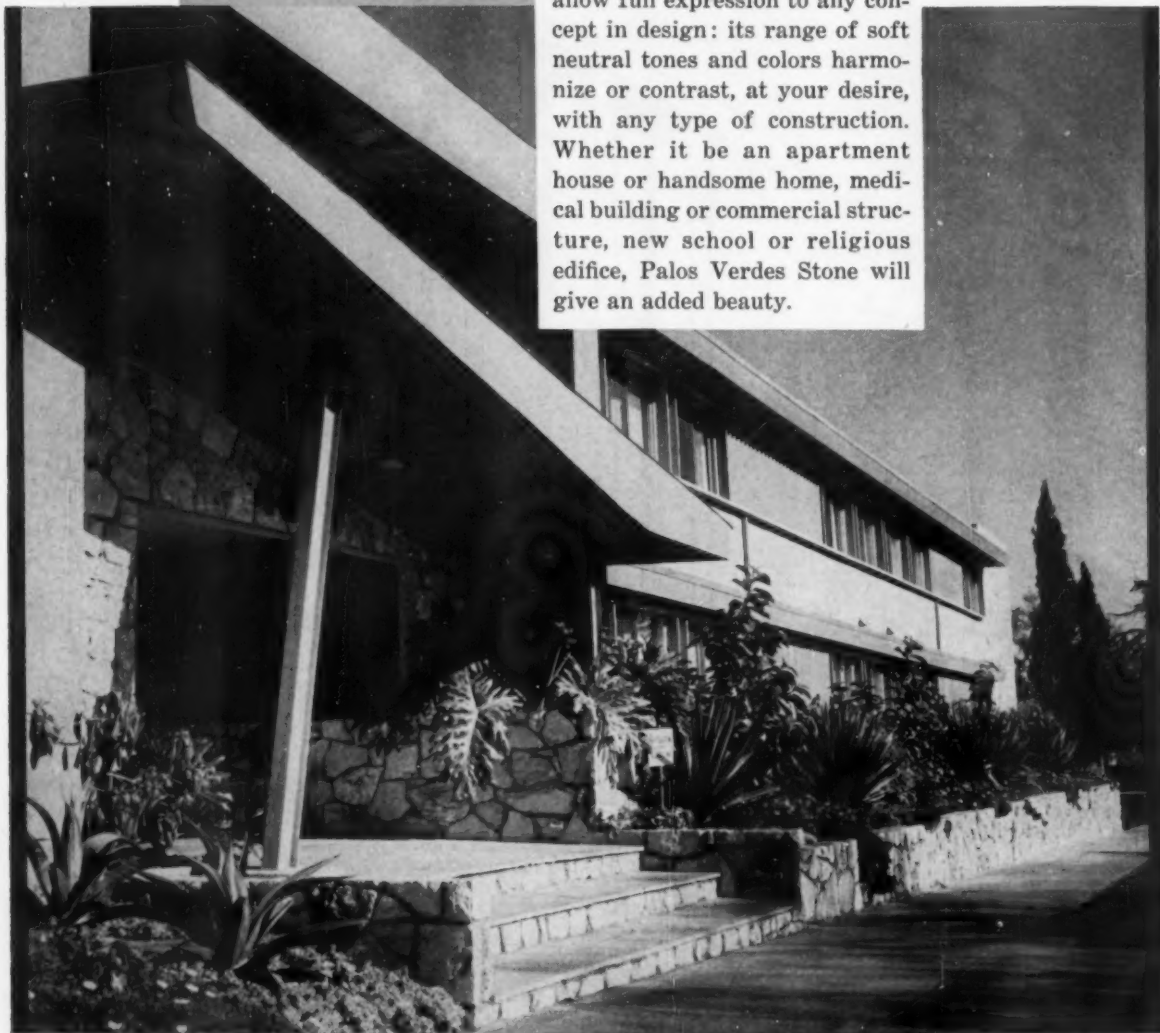
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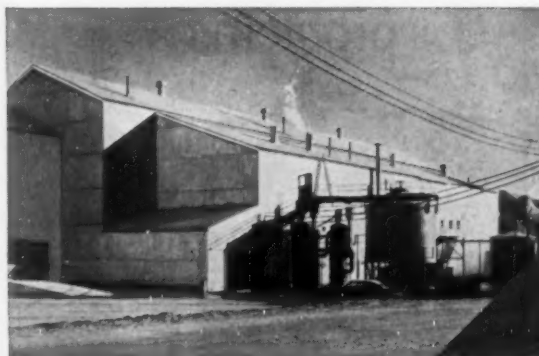
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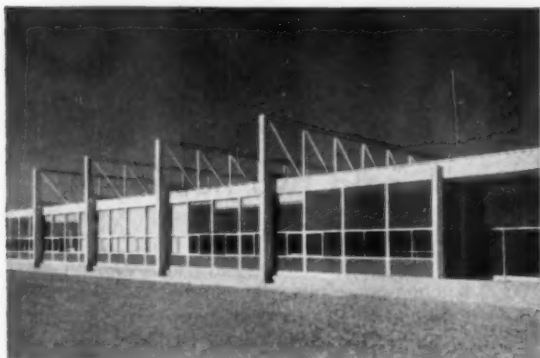
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Here's how built-ins sold two houses

How many times has a kitchen killed your sale? Kitchen-conscious women are the rule—they don't only want—but expect built-in equipment in a new home. Here's how one builder solved that problem, and economically, too.

For eight months Russell Bennett of South San Gabriel, Cal., had two attractive homes in the market. They just wouldn't sell. Other houses in that location were going well. He couldn't understand why his weren't grabbed by the buying public.

The reason was simple—Bennett had miscalculated. These were the first houses he had constructed on speculation in four years, and he put them up without built-in range units.

Something had to be done about it, so Bennett made a very unusual, yet profitable decision. Where once there was wasted wall space he installed a Norris-Thermador built-in electric range. In place of a storage cabinet, he put in a built-in oven.

Result: three weeks later the houses were sold. Bennett, a man with foresight, solved his selling problem. You can solve yours—with built-ins.

a portfolio of designs in plastic wall tile



begin with a beautiful background



Here are dramatic new decorating ideas

...and uses...for plastic wall tile

all through the house.

They are inspired by the design,

advanced color styling

and complete practicality of guaranteed plastic wall tile.



IN THE KITCHEN

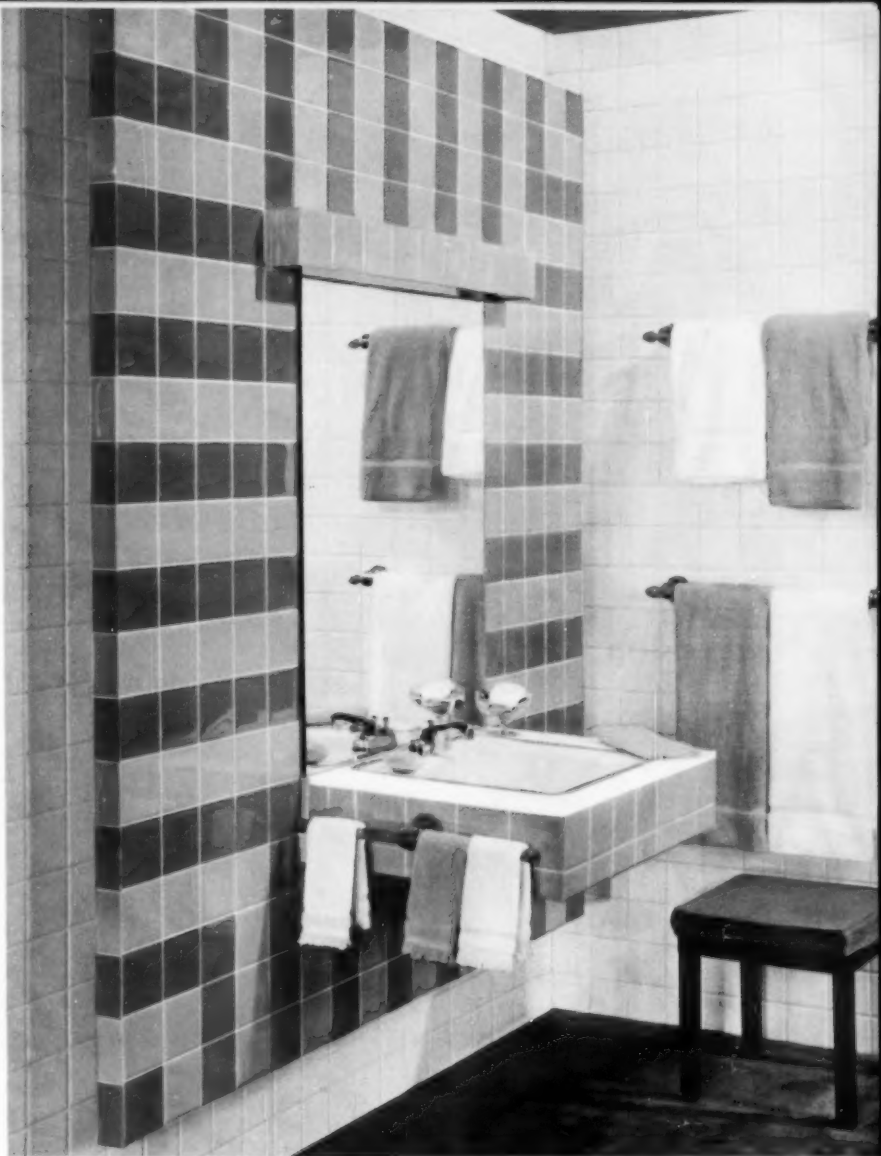
Country charm . . . modern style! Blue and white willow ware inspired the patterned wall in squares of Styron® plastic tile . . . and sleek white tiles face the work counter. Decorative applications like this lift your homes out of the ordinary and give them exciting new home-owner appeal. With all of the shapes and fabulous colors available in plastic wall tile made of Styron, you'll create beautiful backgrounds for homes in any price range.



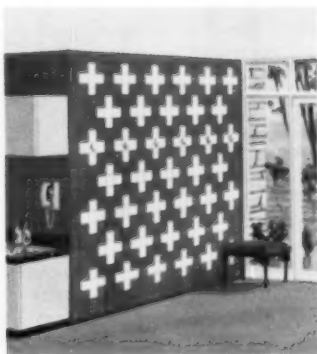
Interiors in this portfolio were created by John and Earline Brice, internationally famous designers.

New note in blues! This gentleman's bath begins with walls of white squares and superimposes a panel of blues in classic design. Styron plastic wall tile adds exciting new decorating ideas to your finest homes . . . gives them the "difference" that sells. There are decorator-styled colors in Styron to match or complement every home you build . . . and tile shapes to inspire endless dramatic designs. And remember, your certified dealer can *guarantee* the quality of Styron plastic wall tile, mastic and installation.

IN THE BATHROOM



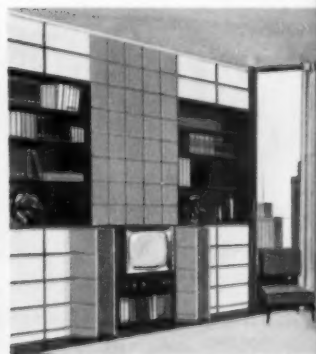
IDEA! Lovely colors of Styron and tile shapes combined to create delightful *trompe-l'oeil* louvers on a bathroom wall.



IDEA! A decorative, over-all pattern in easy-to-clean Styron plastic tile for a practical entry wall.



IDEA! Make a bathroom seem wider with bold, horizontal stripes of Styron plastic tile on one wall.



IDEA! Turn a plain fireplace wall into a colorful entertainment center with king-size Styron plastic tile.



ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE

Cheerful candy stripes for practical beauty on walls and ceiling of a child's room . . . "gingham" wall to brighten up a laundry area . . . handsome "mural" wall for a dining room . . . matching walls and counter facings for a modern kitchen. The decorating possibilities are endless with Styron plastic wall tile. These dramatic ideas are being sold to consumers across the country. You can turn these ideas into profitable prestige!



BEGIN WITH A BEAUTIFUL BACKGROUND of plastic wall tile

Here is the theme for the big '57 Dow advertising and promotion program for guaranteed plastic wall tile made of Styron. The beautiful interiors shown in this portfolio will be featured in full-color advertising and editorials in leading national magazines and in hard-hitting, year-'round promotions. They'll extend today's consumer acceptance into the wide field of interior decorating. They'll sell your clients.

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The big swing is on—to insulation made of Styrofoam* (a Dow plastic foam).

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There's good reason, too. Styrofoam is a new kind of insulation, made of expanded polystyrene, with millions of tiny, noninterconnecting air cells that block out heat and cold—as well as water and vapor.

For further information, read the next three pages. THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, Midland, Michigan.

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Plaster keys directly to Styrofoam without need for furring or lathing. Acts in same capacity as plasterboard but gives added advantages of great strength and high insulation value.

Styrofoam cuts construction

engineering data

thermal properties

Thermal Conductivity ("K" factor) B.T.U./ft./hr./in./°F.	Average "K" Factor of 0.25 at mean temperature of 40°F.
Linear Thermal Coefficient of Expansion	.00003 to .00004 in./in./°F. between 0°F. and 80°F.
Specific Heat	0.27 B.T.U./lb./°F. at 40°F.
Resistance to heat (Maximum recommended tempera- ture for continuous use)	Styrofoam 22—175°F. Styrofoam 33—155°F.

water resistance properties

Capillarity	None
Water adsorption (when subjected to 90°F., 90% relative humidity for 15 days)	Less than 0.03% by volume
Water adsorption (complete submersion for one week)	Water pickup only on surface cells less than 0.15 lb./sq. ft. of area

physical properties

	Styrofoam 22	Styrofoam 33
Density (lb./cu. ft.)	1.6-2.0	1.7-2.3
Compressive yield strength (p.s.i.)	16-32	16-38
Tensile strength (p.s.i.)	45-61	65-95
Shear strength (p.s.i.)	27-36	30-40
Flexural strength (p.s.i.)	42-61	48-99
Compressive modulus (p.s.i.)	1200-1700	1500-2000
Bending modulus (p.s.i.)	1000-1285	1250-1760
Modulus or rigidity (shear modulus) (p.s.i.)	700-1600	1000-1300

vapor transmission

When Styrofoam acts as a barrier between spaces having different atmospheric conditions	1.0-2.0 grains/sq. ft./hr./in. of thickness/in. of Hg va- por pressure difference
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Styrofoam adheres readily to masonry. Portland cement mortar bonds it to masonry easily, quickly, permanently. Assures damp-free, comfortable homes, offices, stores, factories.

costs as plaster-base insulation:

comparative (u) values

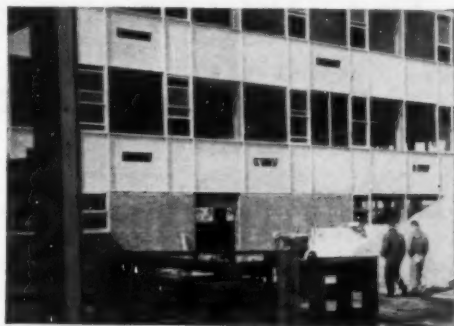
wall type	wall thickness	(u) values		
		A*	B*	C*
Brick	8"	.50	.30	.158
4" face	12"	.36	.24	.139
Rest common	16"	.28	.20	.123
Concrete	6"	.79	.39	.180
	8"	.70	.36	.175
	10"	.63	.34	.170
	12"	.57	.33	.166
Concrete Block	8"	.56	.32	.164
	12"	.49	.30	.158
Cinder Block	8"	.41	.27	.146
	12"	.38	.25	.142

*A=plain wall

Where: *B=furred, lathed and plastered wall

*C=1" thick Styrofoam with plaster direct—no furring or lathing

Styrofoam is superior for many applications



Curtain Walls—Panels with Styrofoam cores are available from many manufacturers.



Low-Temperature Pipe Covering and Equipment—Only Styrofoam offers the right combination of properties.



Cavity Walls—Styrofoam proves completely satisfactory as cavity wall insulation for light or heavy construction.



Perimeter Heating—Perimeter heating systems operate at maximum efficiency when Styrofoam is used.

The Dow Chemical Company—first in foam— answers your questions about Styrofoam

Q Just how is Styrofoam different from old-fashioned insulation?

A Styrofoam consists of millions of tiny cells, all uniform, and each completely self-contained, air-tight, preventing passage of water vapor.

Q How is Styrofoam made?

A Polystyrene, a rugged plastic, is expanded forty times under heat and pressure.

Q When was Styrofoam first produced commercially?

A In 1942, The Dow Chemical Company produced plastic foam by expanding polystyrene—the plastic which offers the best combination of characteristics for low-temperature insulation. Immediately, the U.S. Navy began using it as a flotation material.

Q Why does Styrofoam have high compressive strength?

A Because of its unique cellular structure. That's why Styrofoam can be used for self-supporting walls or have concrete floors poured over it. It will support 3,000 lbs. per square foot.

Q Is it true that one man can pick up a whole pile of Styrofoam boards?

A Yes. A board foot weighs only 2.4 ounces. One workman can easily carry 100 bd. ft.

Q Why can't water penetrate Styrofoam?

A The noninterconnecting cellular structure permits water only on the open cut surface cells.

Q How is it for thermal conductivity?

A Tests show the low thermal conductivity of Styrofoam cannot be matched by any other insulation with comparable properties. The average "K" factor is 0.25 B.T.U./ft./hr./in./°F. and it stays low since there is no water pickup.

Q How can Styrofoam last a lifetime?

A This homogeneous Dow plastic foam resists rot, mold and deterioration. Styrofoam has no odor, no food

value—it does not attract rodents or vermin. And water cannot penetrate it. Result: consistent, uniform insulation for the life of the structure.

Q What kind of tools does it take to install Styrofoam?

A Only ordinary woodworking tools are required to cut and shape it to fit any application. It is *nonirritating* to the skin and is not brittle. Cannot flake or dust. It's an easily installed insulation.

Q Where is Styrofoam used?

A In 1946, The Dow Chemical Company, first in foam, offered their production to the industrial refrigeration field where only the best is good enough. With new production facilities, Styrofoam has now become widely available to users in a broad number of significant applications.

Q What is its most unique feature?

A It has a combination of essential properties vital to good insulation including lack of water adsorption and constantly low "K" factor.

Q In what sizes can I get it?

A Styrofoam is available for immediate shipment in 3-ft., 8-ft., and 9-ft. lengths, 12-in. and 16-in. widths and comes in thicknesses of 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4 inches.

Q Where can I get it?

A At your local building supply dealer's. He can order from his Styrofoam distributor.

FREE BROCHURE OF CONSTRUCTION DETAIL DRAWINGS



Learn how the Styrofoam combination of properties can be turned to your profit. Address: THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, Midland, Michigan—Plastics Sales Department PL 1739BB.

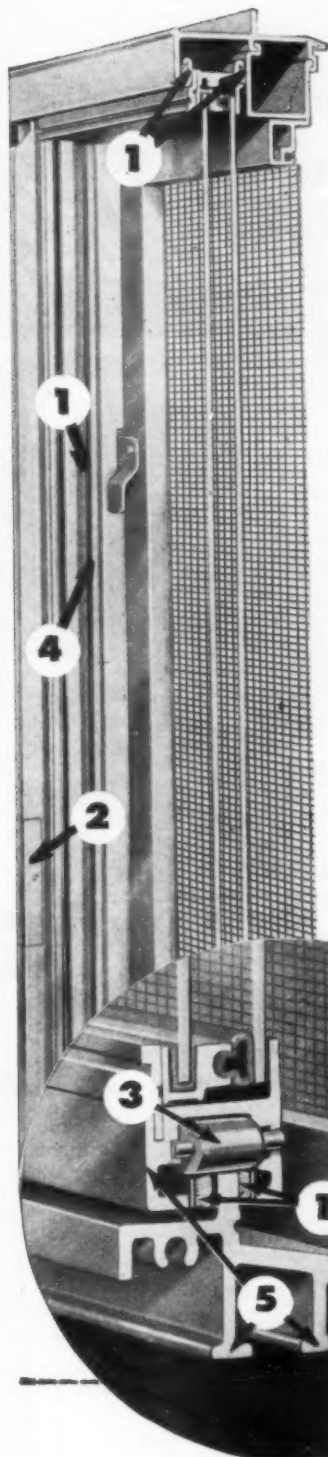
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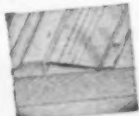


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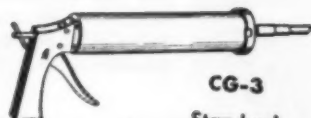
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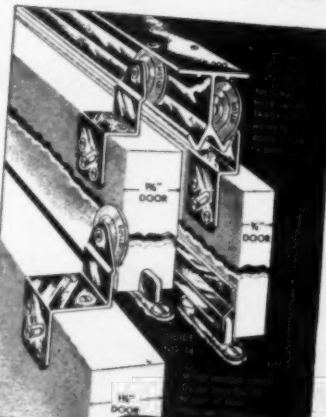


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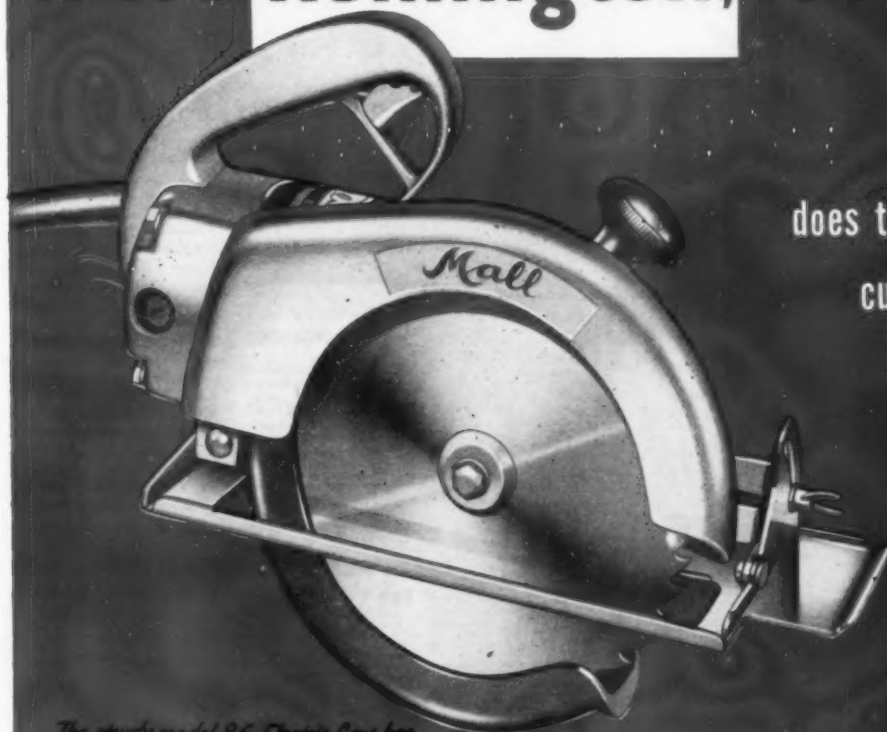
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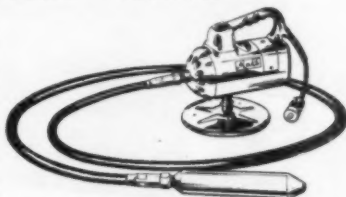
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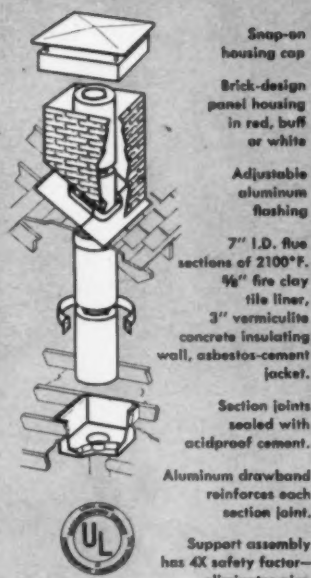
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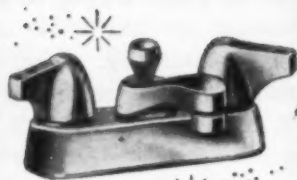


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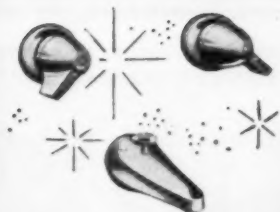
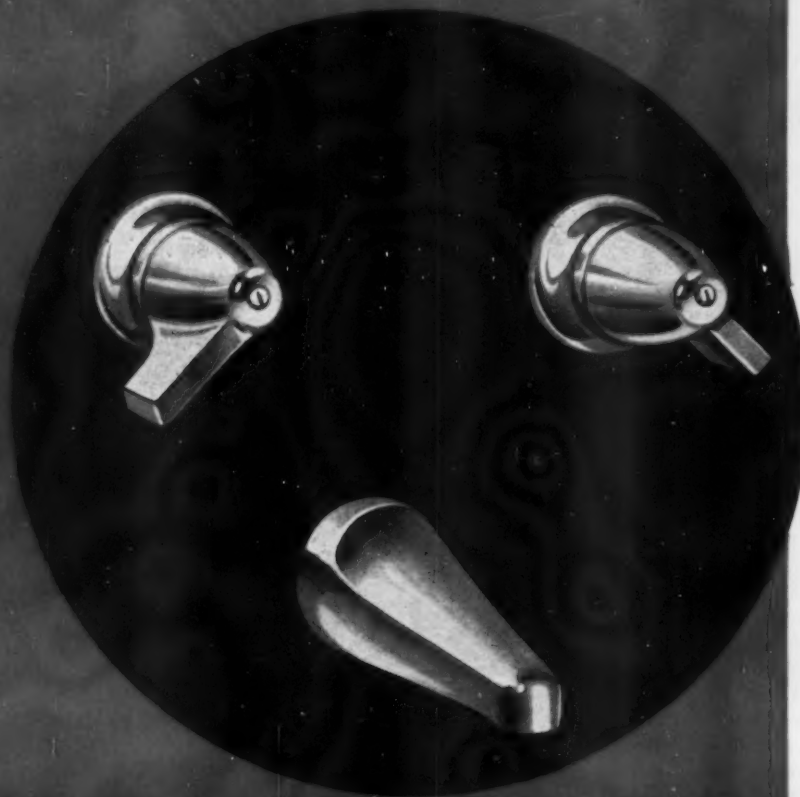
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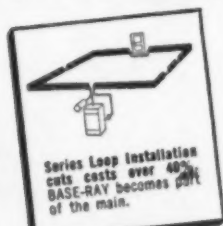
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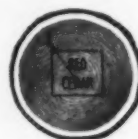
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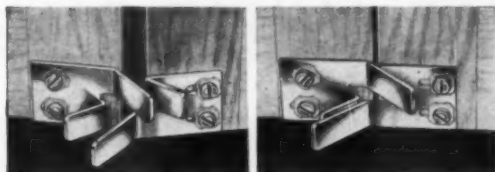
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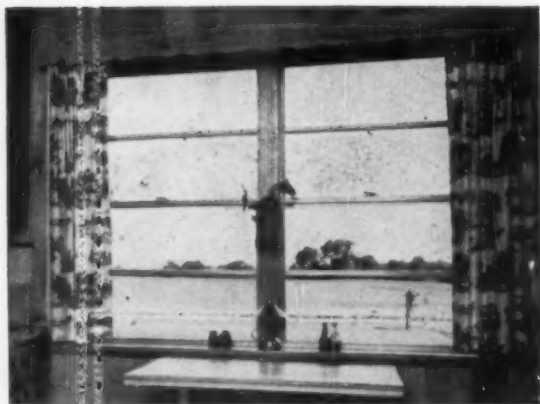


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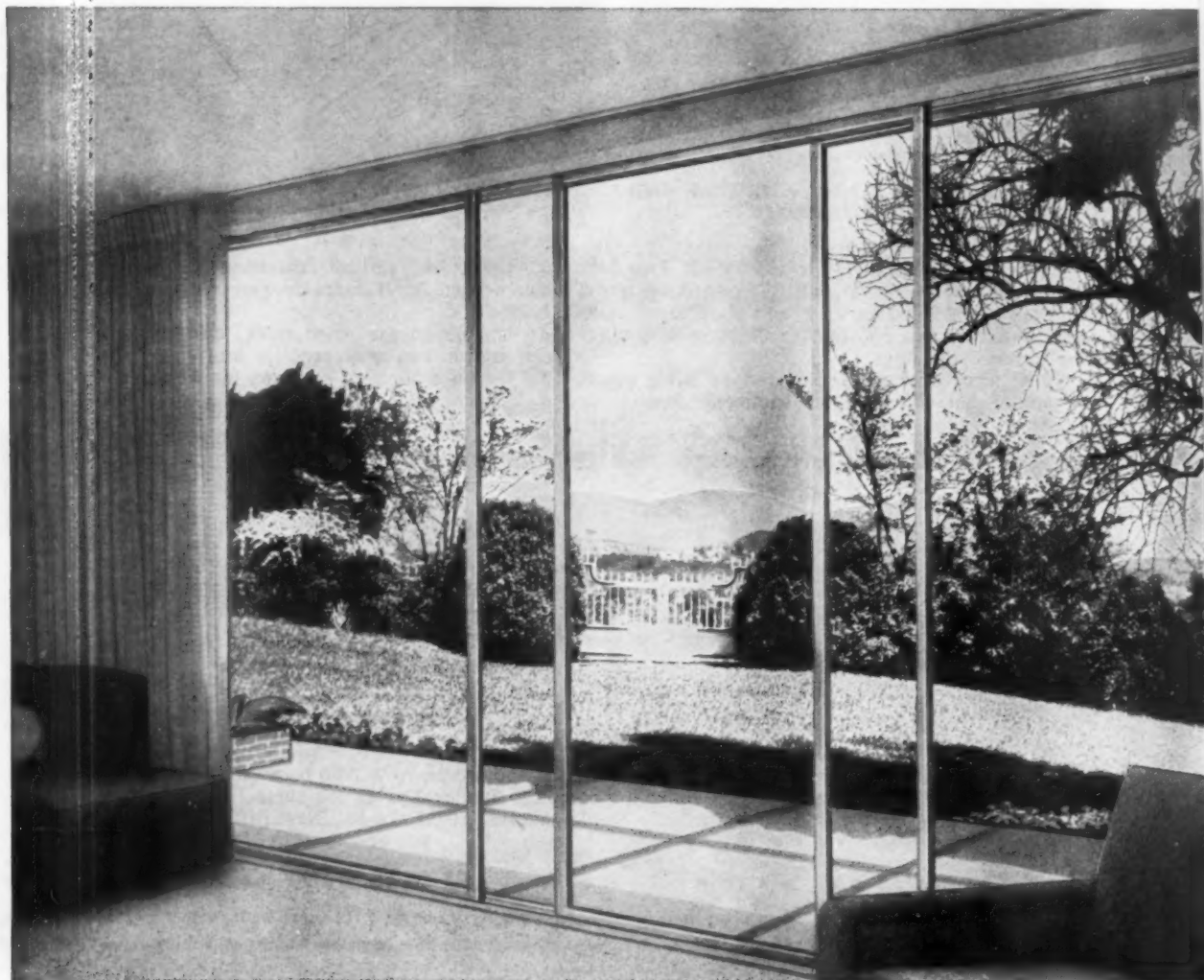
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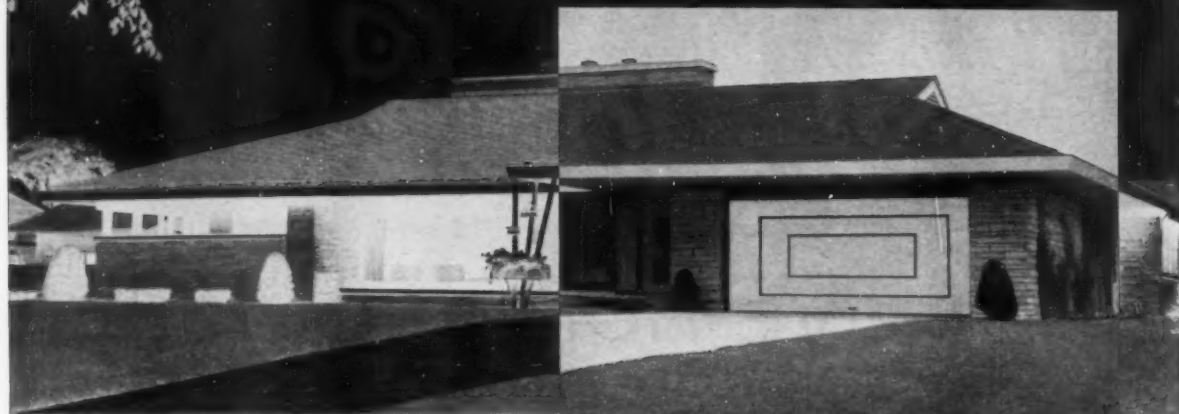
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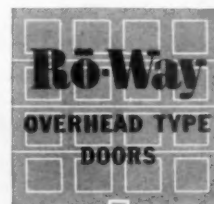
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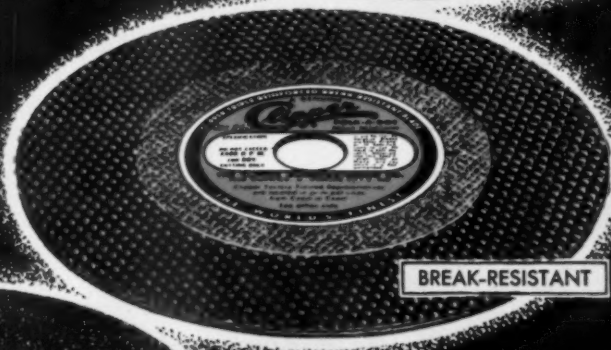
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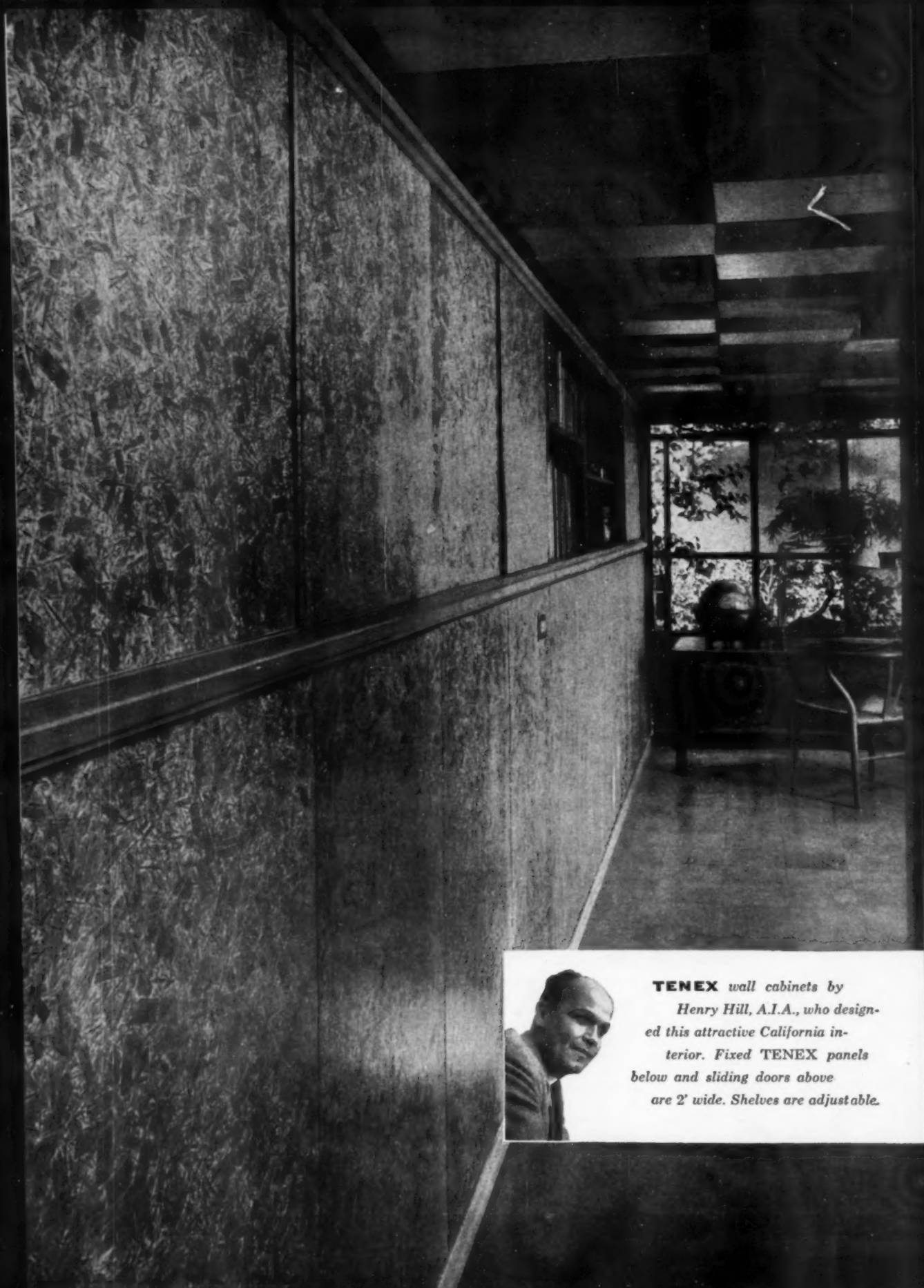


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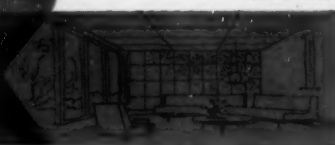


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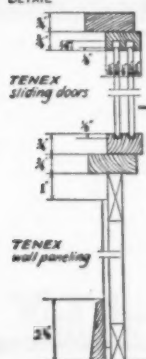
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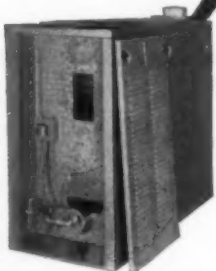


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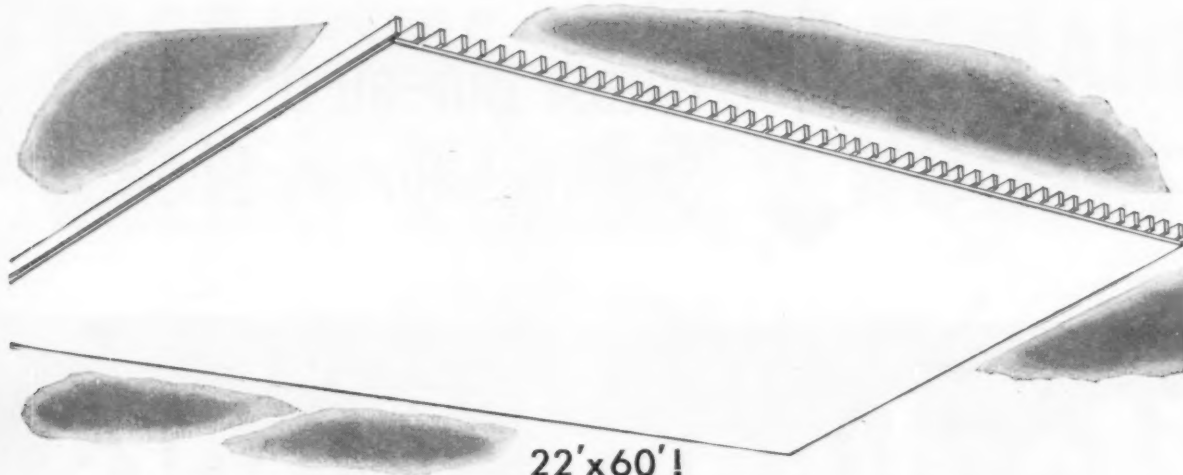
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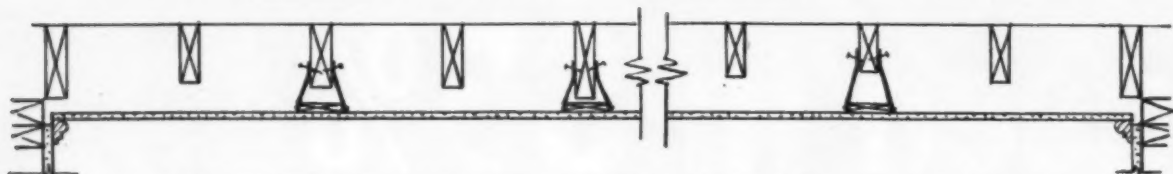


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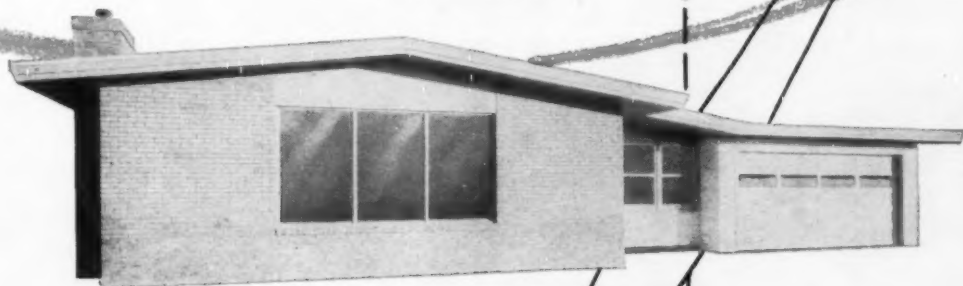
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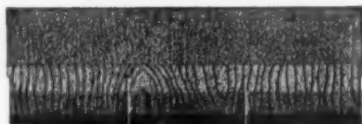
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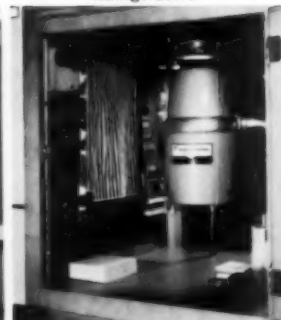
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Building is showmanship . . .

The builder went back to school at this year's NAHB convention. His most important lesson: showmanship.

For five days he was exposed to the best merchandising ideas industry could think up. If he kept his eyes and ears open, he picked up dozens of ideas on how to turn this showmanship of industry into selling tools for his own houses. In other words, good houses built with good products need to be well shown too.

The builder could borrow dozens of display ideas from the kitchen equipment manufacturers. Model kitchens were better planned, better equipped, and more colorful than ever before.

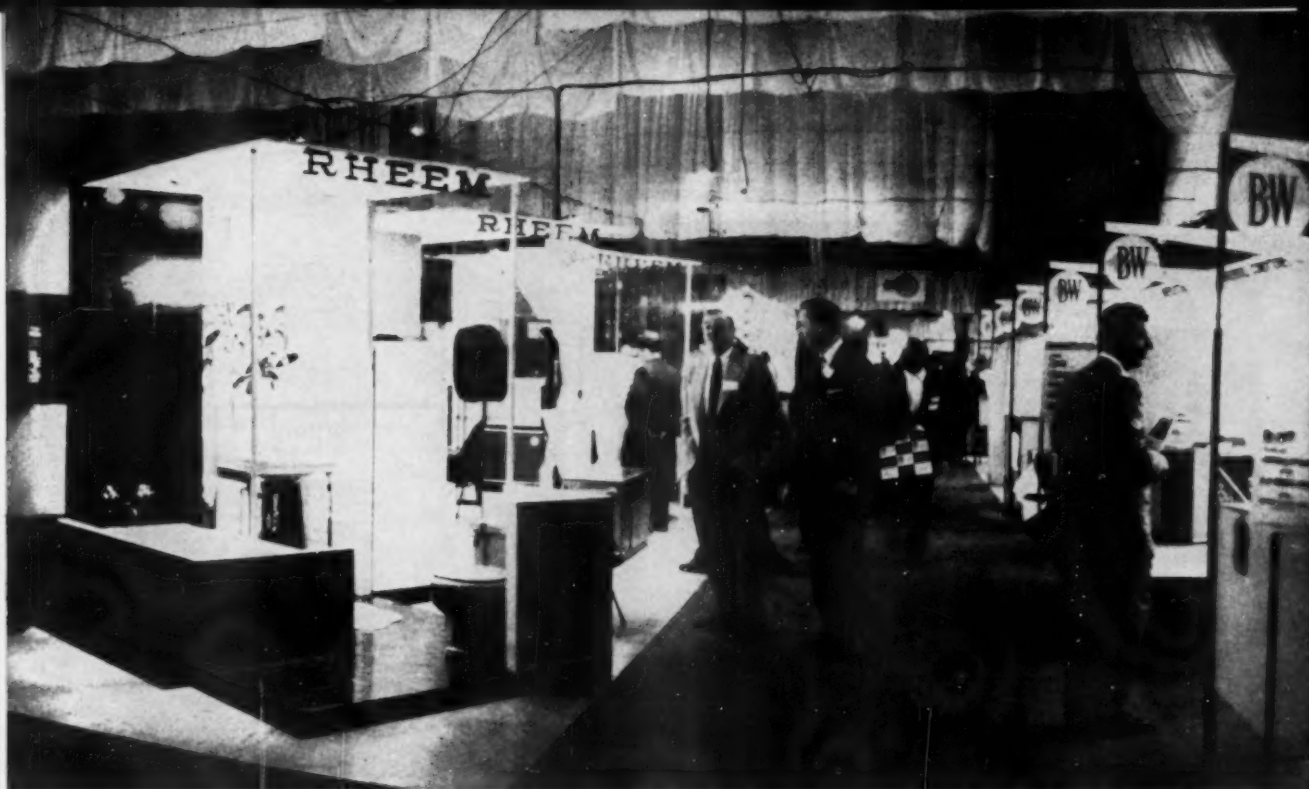
The mechanical equipment of the house got into the showmanship act. Bathroom fixtures, heating and cooling equipment, and the like, need not be taken for granted in a model home; their quality and special features can be turned into additional sales aides by the merchandising-minded builder.

Showmanship was used for the bread and butter end of building. On the last day of the convention, the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel became a stage on which the whats and hows of more efficient building were dramatically displayed. Round-table and panel discussions drew their usual intent audiences throughout the week.

American Builder put on a show too. At our annual builder breakfasts, nearly three hundred builders and manufacturers heard from our editors and guest experts that we're standing at the gates of a building boom. And while there may be a feeling of concern for the building business now, the next twenty years are going to be big—beyond anyone's wildest dreams.

**... here are 56 ideas, spotted by AB's
editors at the NAHB Show, to help you sell houses
faster with better showmanship**





The big picture: a 140° photograph made with our "American Builderama Camera"

at the NAHB convention . . .



KITCHEN IDEAS were plentiful. Here in the "Nantucket" kitchen, Frigidaire (No. 3002); shows its straight-line "sheer look" in refrigerator, cooking top, wall oven, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Other ideas: ceiling hung cabinets by Mutschler (No. 3003); plastic cabinet panels by Realaminations Corp. (No. 3004); sinks by Eljer (No. 3005); floors, Congoleum-Nairn (No. 3006); lighting by General Lighting (No. 3007), Jeryl Lighting (No. 3008).

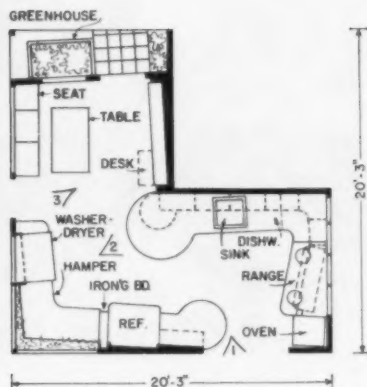
"Showmanship Selling" tomorrow

▼ New . . . an "off-the-floor" kitchen



MAGIC MELODY by Frigidaire (No. 3009), uses raised cabinet and appliance **idea** to add air space. Charcoal gray contrasts with steel cabinets by St. Charles (No. 3010). Salad, beverage center at right end (see plan); oven, range tops opposite illustrated wall. Countertop by Armstrong (No. 3011); flooring by American Biltrite, (No. 3012); sinks by Elkay (No. 3013); blender, exhaust fan by Nutone (No. 3014); wall covering by Kappa Shell (No. 3015).

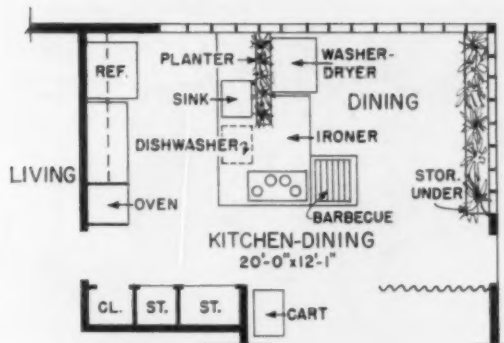
▼ Shop this kitchen for better lighting, for the island idea . . .



1 **LIGHTING IDEA** from Mutschler's Kitchen (No. 3019), has band of wall lighting plus ceiling lights by Moe (No. 3020). Islands protrude to provide more

working space in L-shaped kitchen. (See plan, view 1). Toaster is attached to appliance electropanel by Globe (No. 3021), refrigerator by Servel (No. 3022).

▼ "Greenhouse" plan for a brighter kitchen

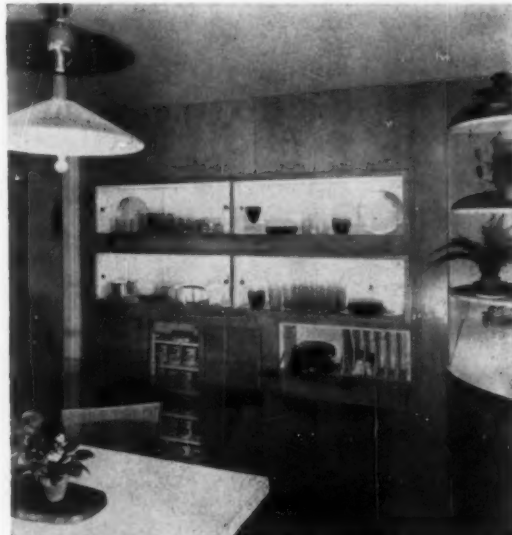


PLANTS IN THE KITCHEN IDEA comes from American Kitchen's (No. 3016), Better Homes and Gardens-designed plan. Storage cabinet idea used as window seat base or, here, as planter base, is new, too. Barbecue in dining area by Roter Co. (No. 3017), polyethylene lighting panels in ceiling. Colorful slat blinds by Jack Lenore Larsen (No. 3018, on page 134).

... for hidden values in storage cabinets



2 HIDDEN CABINET IDEA used by Mutschler to fit both sides of Bendix Duomatic washer-dryer (No. 3023), with hamper and storage space. (See plan, view 2). Vertical plastic blinds by Kirsch (No. 3024). Note another variation of greenhouse idea. Flooring by Armstrong (No. 3025).



3 MORE HIDDEN VALUES in these cabinet ideas ... hanging desk and file space with color telephone from American Telephone & Telegraph (No. 3026, on page 134), and Mutschler's fitted cabinets for canned goods. Sliding glass panels on overhead cabinets make use easier. (See plan, view 3).

▼ All-over plastic



NEVAMAR'S KITCHEN IDEA (No. 3027) designed by American Home is use of patterned laminated plastic for cabinets and walls. Cabinets have plain laminated finish inside. Behind counter is working area with Kitchen Aid dishwasher (No. 3028); RCA Whirlpool oven (No. 3029). Utensil board of acoustical ceiling tile.

▼ Laundry disappears



IDEA from RCA Whirlpool-Segar kitchen (No. 3030, on page 134), is this folding door which covers front of combination washer and dryer. Refrigerator and freezer show new straight line **idea** which makes it easy to build-in or leave appliances free-standing. Note use again of built-in ceiling lighting **idea**.

▼ Kitchen clutter disappears into cabinets

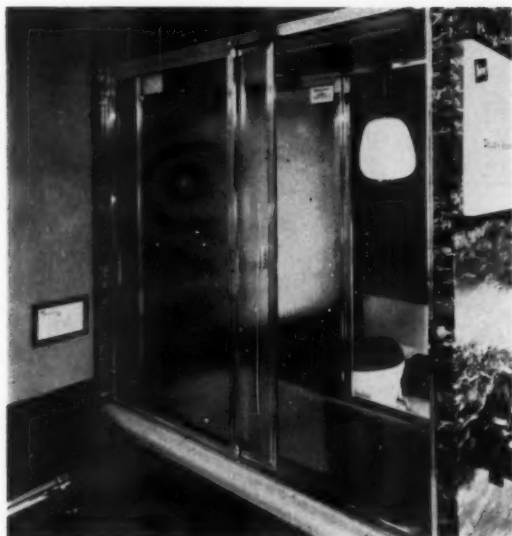


WOOD CABINET IDEA from Kitchen Maid Corp. (No. 3031), was popular throughout the NAHB show. Hidden **ideas** in this kitchen included a recessed electric appliance center with matching wood hood which covered it completely when pulled down. Not shown are a built-in Tappan range (No. 3032) and Nutone hood (No. 3033).



IRONING BOARD HIDEAWAY is another of Kitchen Maid's **ideas** for a compact, uncluttered kitchen. Board slides into opening and panel folds up to cover space (No. 3034). Also handy next to it is pull-down hamper. On the other side is RCA Whirlpool's washer-dryer (No. 3035, page 134) which completes laundry center.

Two-bathroom tub



DOUBLE SERVICE IDEA is Alliance Ware's double apron bathtub (No. 3036), which, with tub enclosure, can serve two bathrooms. Note two-color water closet in background, also by Alliance Ware. Tub enclosure from Modern Shower Door Co., (No. 3037, on page 134), light fixtures by Lightolier (No. 3038, on page 134).

Color with tile



ADDED COLOR IDEA with the use of bright and interesting tile patterns is suggested in this bath by Crane Co. (No. 3039, on page 134). Wall hung shelf of tile is also used to complement Crane lavatory, tub and water closet. Baseboard heating by Crane (No. 3040) is idea used to heat bathroom unobtrusively.

Tile takes to the walls for decoration



STRIKING DESIGN IDEA done in Mosaic Tile (No. 3041, on page 134), highlights this modern raised fireplace. Ceramic tile is also used to provide durable and colorful surface seating on top of storage cabinets. Idea of low storage cabinets finished with surface for seating was found often in the NAHB Show.



BRIGHT TILE and bright lighting combined by Moe Light (No. 3042) in its kitchen and bath display. Kitchen lights are both above and under wall cabinets; bath lighting in ceiling and at mirror sides. Active Ware sink (No. 3043); Textolite laminate (No. 3044) in kitchen; flooring by Robbins Floor (No. 3045).

▼ Now, a built-in water closet saves bath space



NEW IDEA in bathroom fixtures and plumbing comes from Ingersoll Humphreys (No. 3046 on reply card, page 134). Wall-hung closet combination can be installed with access panels above in white or colors, or with storage cabinet or shelves above a wood-finished access panel. Elimination of tank makes bath seem larger.



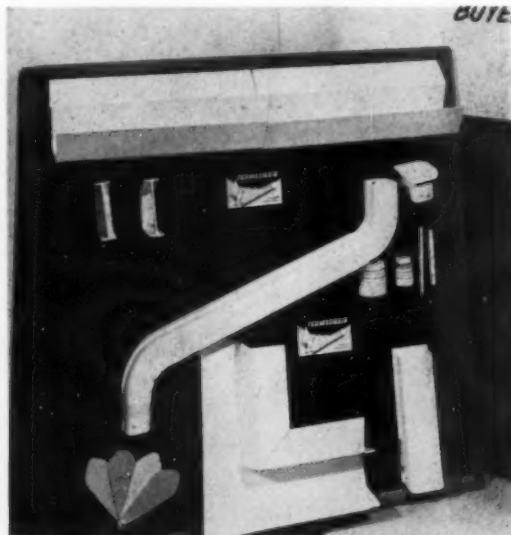
HOW IDEA WORKS illustrated in back shot of wall-hung closet. Sweat-resisting tank is above with rest of plumbing bolted to studding. Furnished complete except for supply pipe, unit is available for horizontal or vertical discharge. No special floor construction, supply or drain pipe is required.

▼ Plastic bath walls



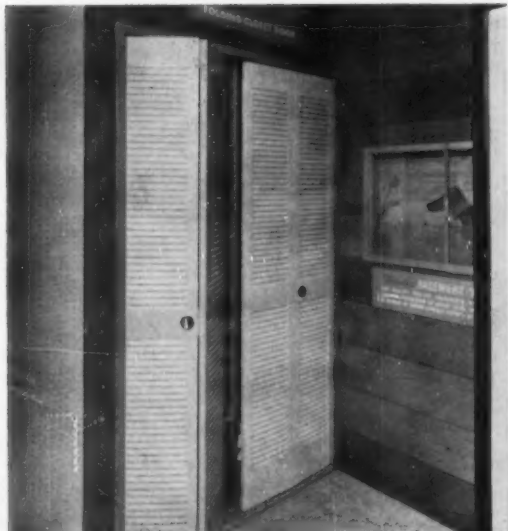
SEAMLESS, MOISTURE-PROOF wall for tub or shower is idea presented by Formica. (No. 3047 on reply card, page 134). One continuous piece of Formica is post-formed to fit alcove. Palisade unit is easily and quickly installed by builder. Shower stall and floor are designed by Fiat (No. 3048, on page 134).

▼ Won't rust or rot

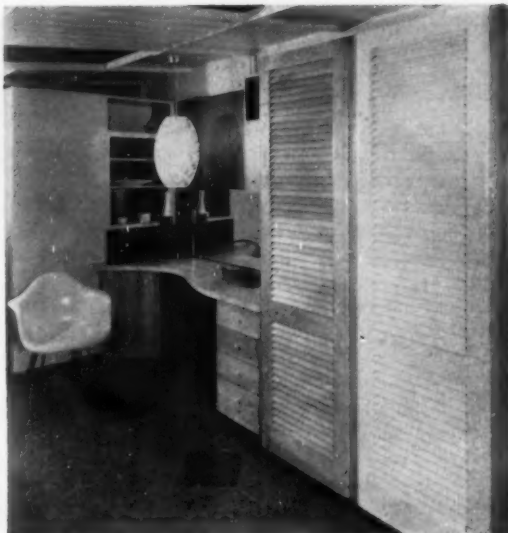


GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS of reinforced Fiberglass are a new idea from Permanent Products Inc. (No. 3049 on reply card, page 134). In white, copper or special colors to order, Permadrain has lifetime strength, no rot or rust problems, permanent colors, is simple and easy to install.

▼ Louvered doors go everywhere, sell everyone

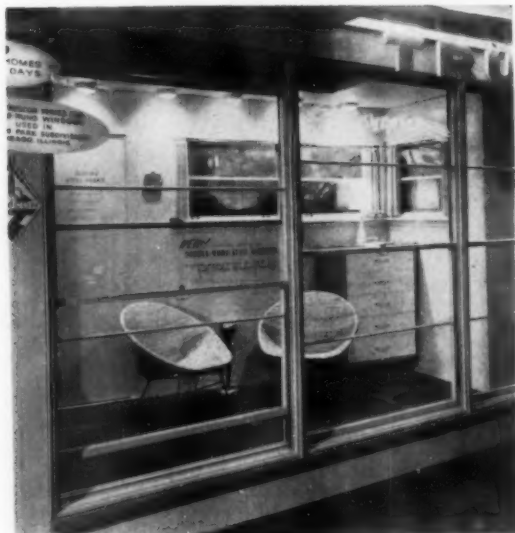


LOUVERED DOORS in steel are a new idea from Fenestra Inc. (No. 3050 on reply card, page 134). Doors offer same popular louvered look, plus durability and strength of all steel doors. Doors fold back into two compact units at either side or closet or doorway for space-saving utility.



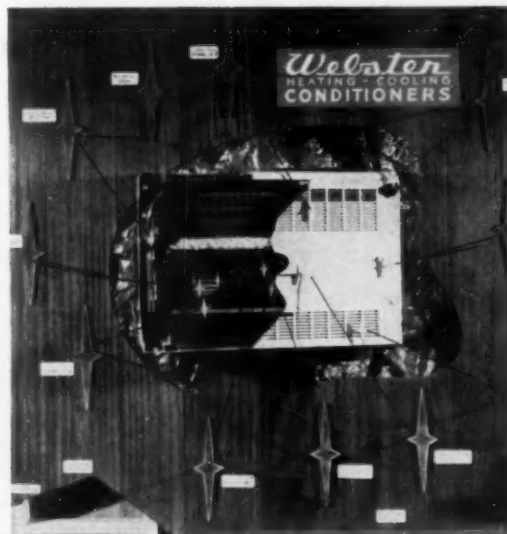
MORE LOUVERED DOORS, this time in wood from Carr Adams and Collier's Bilt-Well line. (No. 3051 on reply card, page 134). Doors are used here in idea for dressing room layout for hanging and shelf storage. Other cabinet units can be seen in background under dressing table shelf.

▼ High, wide and double hung



LARGE, DOUBLE-HUNG windows of steel are a new idea from Truscon. (No. 3052 on reply card, page 134). Window is delivered completely assembled, with only simple anchors for any wall construction needed for quick erection. Light gray priming coat gives base for any desired paint.

▼ Heats and cools



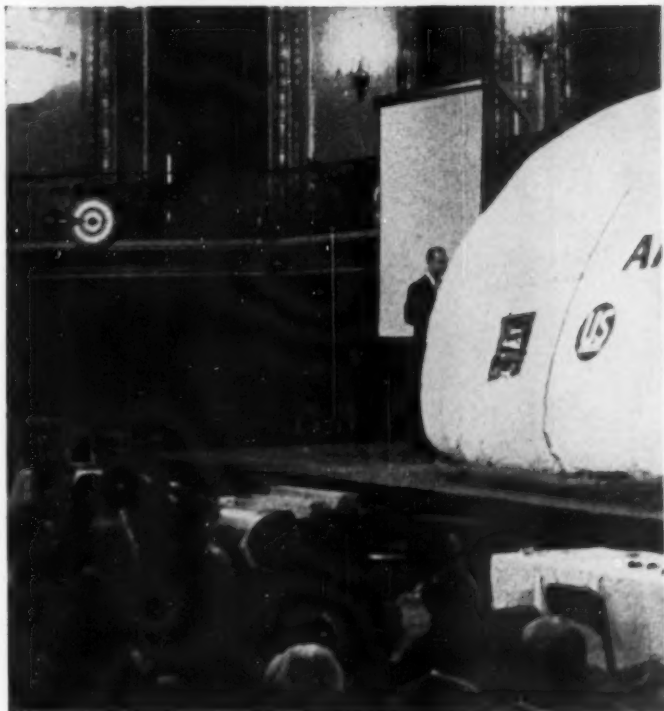
HEATING AND COOLING system from Webster (No. 3053, on page 134) is built around this conditioner idea which heats or cools from warm and cool water, can be individually controlled for each room. Central system requires no ductwork, is suited for either new or existing homes.

On NAHB's stage: new techniques

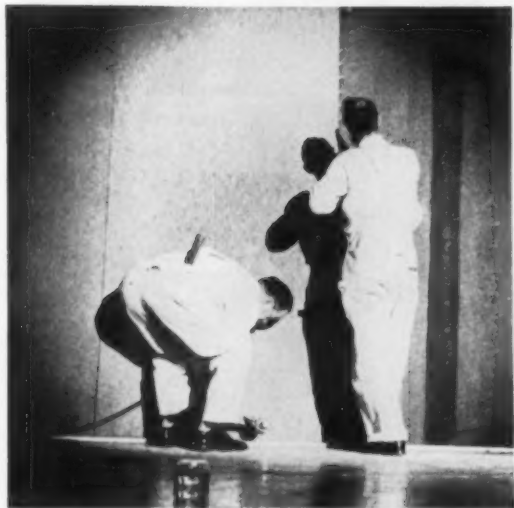
On the last day of the convention, showmanship became the tool to demonstrate methods for more efficient building. Some of the acts, like the spectacular "Air-house" warehouse at the right, showed brand new ways and means of bettering the building operation; other ideas, like the power nailing guns below, have been around for a long time without their potentialities having been completely understood. In many cases, the necessary investment for such equipment could be fully repaid on the first house it's used on.

Contributors to this "How To Do It Circus" were many and varied, and ran the gamut of building operations. The on-site warehouse was shown by the Canvas Products Association; the Portland Cement Association demonstrated the effects of proper mixing on the strength of concrete; uses and installing of sheet rock and rock lath were shown by the Gypsum Association; and insulating board handling by the Insulation Board Institute.

Are builders interested? Judging from the vigorous questioning after the show, many of them are. And judging from the corridor comments, they want more of the same next year.



Here are some power tools that can speed up many phases

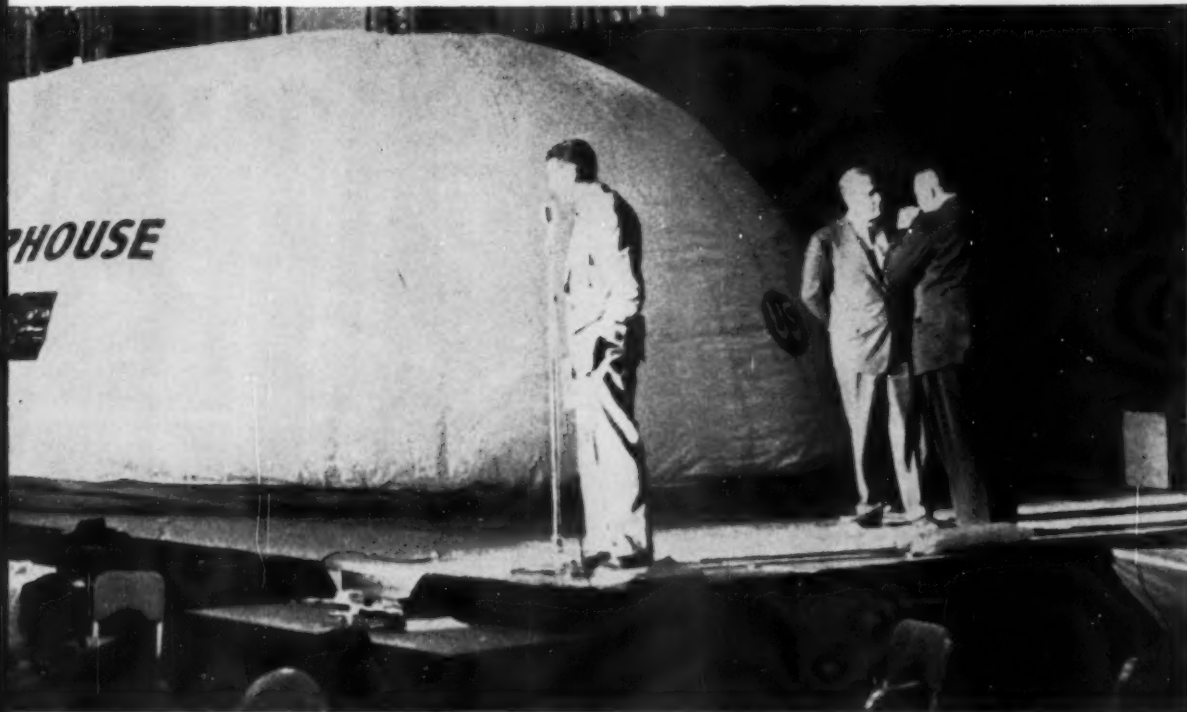


RACE BETWEEN conventional nailing and Spotnail gun is dramatic proof of the latter's great speed in applying insulating board. The gun won going away, finishing before the man with the hammer was well under way.



ROCK LATH IS STAPLED with this power gun, is done at incredible speed. Enough regular nails are driven to tack pieces, mark the stud positions. This man nailed off at a rate of between three and four staples a second.

for better building



COATED SYNTHETIC FABRIC is the key to this inflated on-site warehouse. Minus sandbag ballast, it weighs about 75 lbs. A small low-pressure blower provides air. A bigger model will allow a fork lift truck to enter.

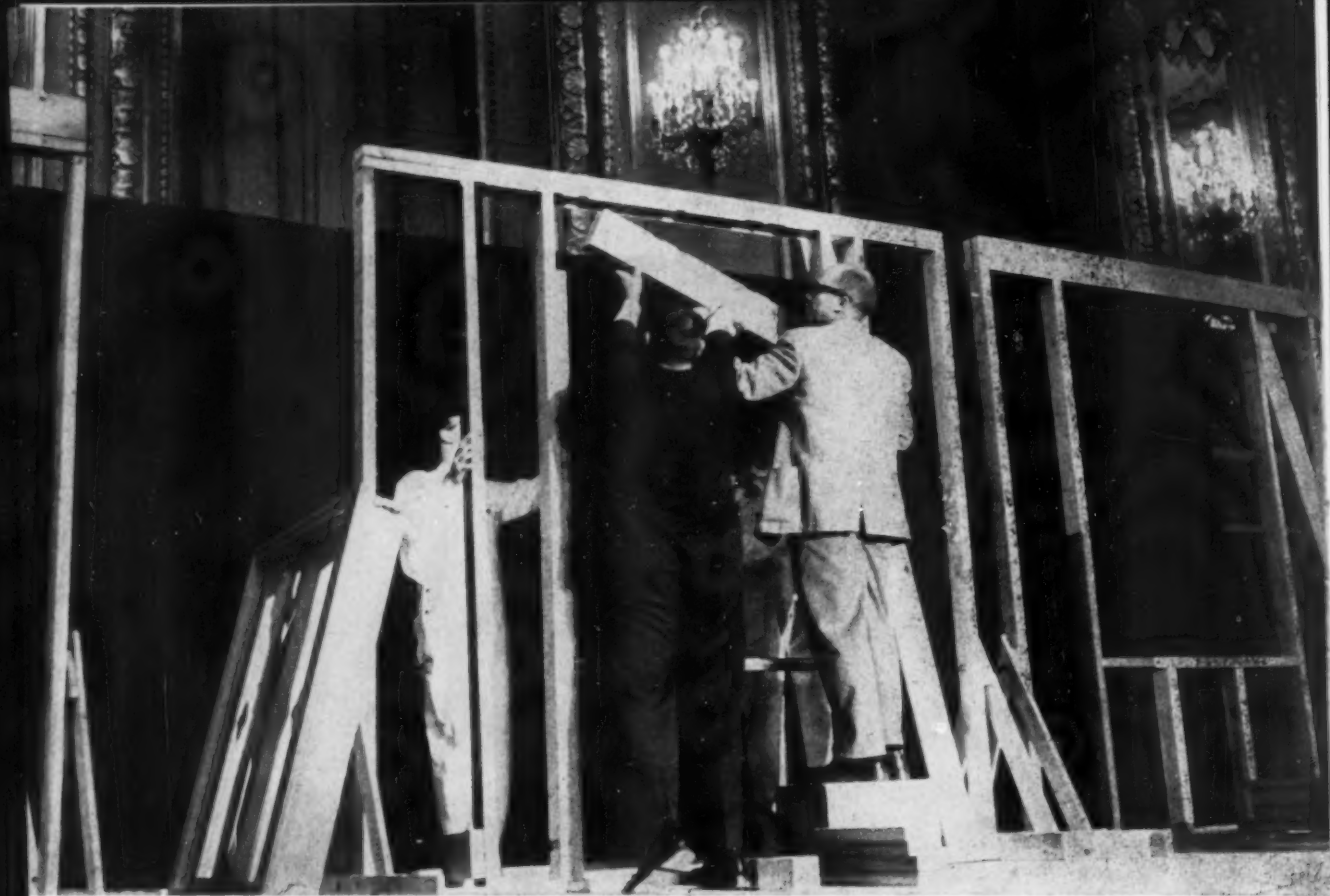
of your building



WET PLASTERING used to be considered the slow sister of the wall covering field; now power guns have again made it competitive. This plaster spray gun is applying a fast, even finish coat which can be trowelled.



FINAL TROWELING is mechanized with this power trowel which works as does a motor trowel on concrete. In appearance it resembles an electric fan. It does a job equal to or better than a hand job for smoothness.



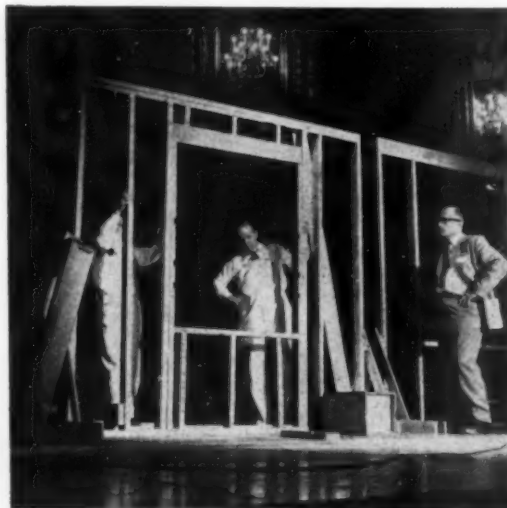
BUILDING IS SHOWMANSHIP, continued

Window framing: if you plan ahead, you can save

At a rough guess, nine out of ten houses built today are designed and built with a casual disregard for a very simple way of saving money. This was shown in a convention lesson sponsored by the NAHB Research Institute and the University of Illinois Small Homes Council.

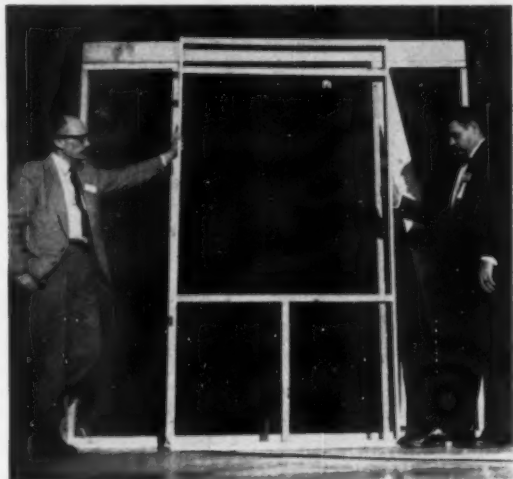
First, windows should be so placed that they utilize at least one existing wall stud for a side of their framing. Second, if manufacturers will build windows to fit exactly existing stud spacing, (and some of them now are doing this) and if a double 2x6 plate is used, the header, cripples, and the jackstuds over the window all can be eliminated. Existing wall studs will form both sides of the rough framing.

Also unveiled was a solution to the problem of how to fit this new window width (46 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") into the standard Lu-Re-Co panel, which is one stud-width narrower due to stud doubling where the panels meet. The answer: get rid of the extra width by 1x4's instead of 2x4's on the sides of the panel. As the pictures show, the final saving in lumber, and of course the labor to put it together, is considerable.

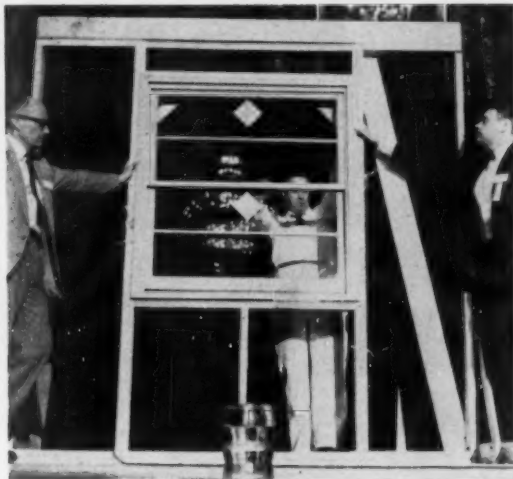


1 HAPHAZARD PLACEMENT of windows, and standard framing, give this result. Neither side of the window hits a wall stud. Upper jackstuds carry header support to top plate, where rafters or trusses will rest.

Here's Lu-Re-Co's latest wall panel



NEW LU-RE-CO WINDOW PANEL designed for new window width is shown here. Panel has 1x4's instead of 2x4's on side; otherwise, extra stud in each panel would make overall panel width too narrow.



NEW SIZE WINDOW is set into panel. Where prebuilt panels replace conventional framing, extra 2x4 plate piece is used to stiffen panel. System uses more wood, compensates by needing less labor.

◀ **WINDOW-FRAMING DEMONSTRATION** is made dramatic by this Tinker-Toy type of display. Framing can quickly be shifted from spot to spot. At right is James Lendrum, Director of the Small Homes Council.

AB's forecast: two-million

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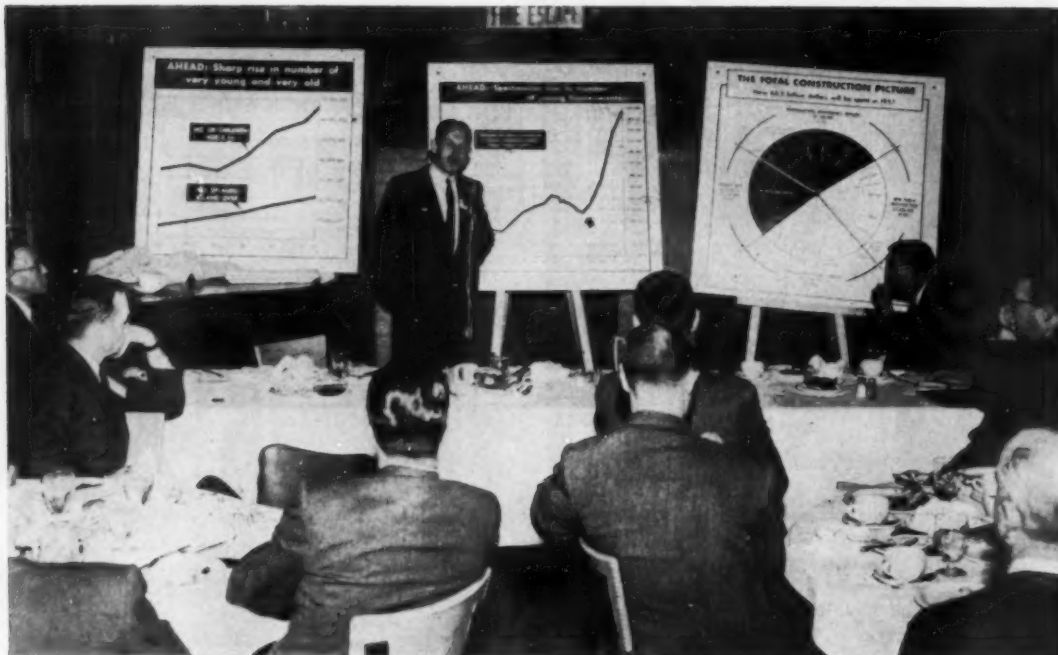
a lot of time and money



2 SAME WINDOW IS MOVED about one foot to the left, so cripples lie against existing wall studs. One full stud has been saved, as well as one upper and lower jackstud, and the labor of cutting and setting.



3 DOUBLE 2x6 PLATE permits elimination of window header, the cripples carrying it, and upper jackstuds—in effect, two more full studs. New standard window width, 46 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide, is designed to fit this space.



AT AMERICAN BUILDER'S INVITATION BREAKFASTS:

Builders see 2 million houses

"If 19 million families have over \$5,000 income, qualifying for a \$12,500 house, we must upgrade our product so they can't resist. I'm optimistic for the ten golden years beginning now!"

Robert Gerholz, Flint, Mich.

"Economists see another 10 million persons in California by 1975, and similar growth over the country." David Bohannon, San Mateo, Cal.

"Remember, the Census Bureau's figures are notoriously conservative, so speed up any conclusions drawn from these charts."

Nat Rogg, NAHB economist.

Every year at Chicago American Builder invites leading builders and suppliers to one of three breakfast panel-discussions, each attended by about 100. The speakers (some are quoted in the margins) took off from a set of prognostic charts derived from the following special article by a prominent economist.

The job ahead for the home building industry

by William C. Bober

A little over a decade hence, there will be a 100-billion-dollar-a-year construction industry in the United States. Of this fabulous volume, home building will be the most dynamic generator. By the middle 1960's the number of young folks reaching home-wanting age (Chart II) will be climbing to heights never yet approached. The population will be loaded with children, young home-wanters, and aged folks over 65. For all these we will need special types of dwellings. Beginning with 1965 or so, we will be talking not of a million homes a year, but 1½ million annually. And finally, when the 1970's open up, the 2,000,000 homes-a-year period will heave into sight. It might come even earlier.

In print and speech we hear of \$45 billions of construction forecast for 1957. That is NEW construction only. In addition, we can expect very roughly \$21¼ billions of expenditures for enlarging, modernizing, remodeling, repairing, and maintaining EXISTING structures. Thus, in total for 1957 a \$66¼ billion industry (Chart I)—by far the greatest single industry in this country—given no major

THE TOTAL CONSTRUCTION PICTURE

How 66.2 billion dollars will be spent in 1957

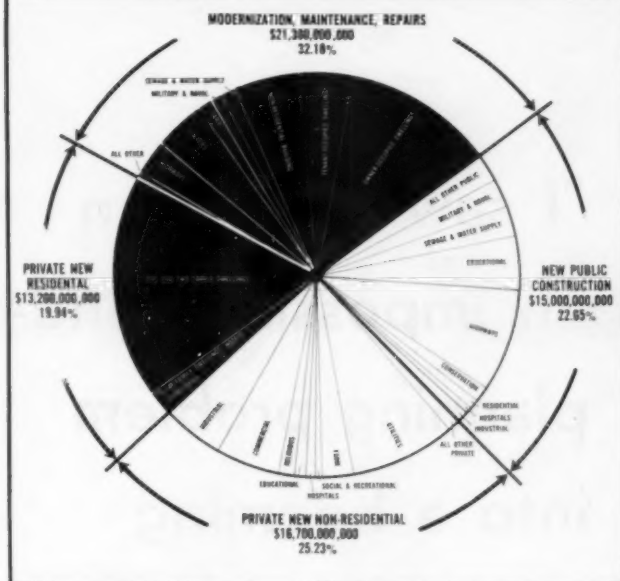


CHART I shows big slice for modernization. Breakfast panel (left page) hears Dave Slipper on land planning and financing.

"Today less than 10% of our labor force, 6½ million, is on the farm, a 40% decline since 1910. This urbanization is changing the face of the country, and the builder's job." Ewan Clague, chief, BLS.

"We must break the psychological barrier of one million starts a year, and reach our true level. We must develop land financing procedures, or we won't meet the doubled demand on us by 1965." David Slipper, Webb & Knapp, N.Y.

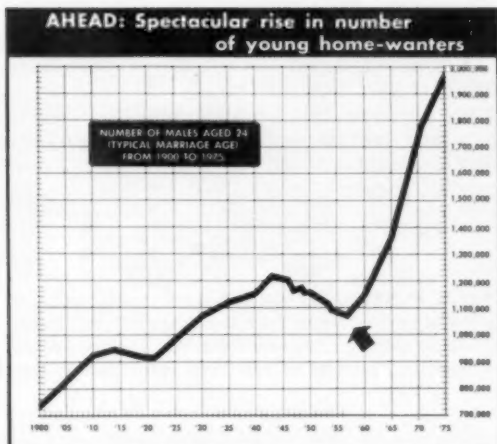
wanted by 1970's—or sooner

shooting war, no major economic slump, and no excessive rise in the price of money.

This immense "modernization" sector of \$21¼ billions, of which over half is residential, is still the most under-estimated and neglected phase of building activity. Yet it comprises almost a full third of the entire vast construction industry. Moreover it is the industry's great stabilizer, the balance wheel so to speak. New construction has been

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"There's nothing inflationary about home building. When you give a man a house with a low down payment, you force him to save, and create equity each month." Fred Jackson, Dime Savings Bank.

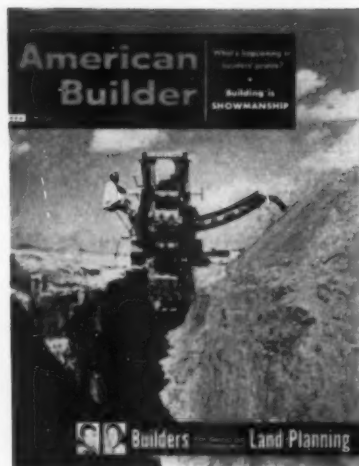


IN NEXT ISSUE READ ABOUT:

- Migration to suburbs
- Regional migrations
- Distribution of income
- Improved taste in home design

CHART II, also derived from William C. Bober's data, suggests the impact that the rise in marriageable males, starting this year, will have on the building industry.

THE BIG STORY . . .



"I saw them turn
an impossible land-
planning problem
into a booming
building opportunity"

by Walter Reese Browder
Editor

Bob and Dick Ross can well point with pride to the 3,500 new homesites they are opening up for builders in North Palm Beach, Florida: what they've accomplished is a model in land planning.

I think it's a model of national significance: the basic idea is adaptable anywhere where there's a land shortage and it can mean steady profits for small builders and big builders alike.

But don't take my word for it. Take the word of one of the builders who is putting up his fifth house in North Palm Beach. He is a former Washington builder who has moved there simply because the basic idea behind the new homesites was sound.

He explains why he moved by opening a booklet of Protective Covenants and letting you read the opening paragraph:

"A home is not a detached unit but a part of a neighborhood, which in turn is part of a town; and the good quality of the home usually depends at least as much on its surroundings as on its design and construction. Hence the vital importance of ground planning and control of the development of neighborhoods."

That's a quote from Thomas Adams, the promi-

nent British architect who died in 1940. Bob and Dick Ross have had it in mind ever since they bought the raw land for North Palm Beach back in September, 1955.

They believed it so strongly that they actually created a town with all the features of a municipality—including a \$1 million sewage and water plant, \$70,000 city hall, a police and fire department, a city manager, and even a country club with an 18-hole golf course—before they opened it up to builders like Maynard Duvall.

I don't wonder that Duvall moved from Washington and set up the H&D Construction Co. When you build well on well-planned sites, a new reputation is easy to earn.

LAND PLANNERS Dick and Bob Ross, shown projecting their model town of North Palm Beach against raw Florida land, are developing 3,500 new homesites. They completed most municipal features of new town before selling lots. ▶

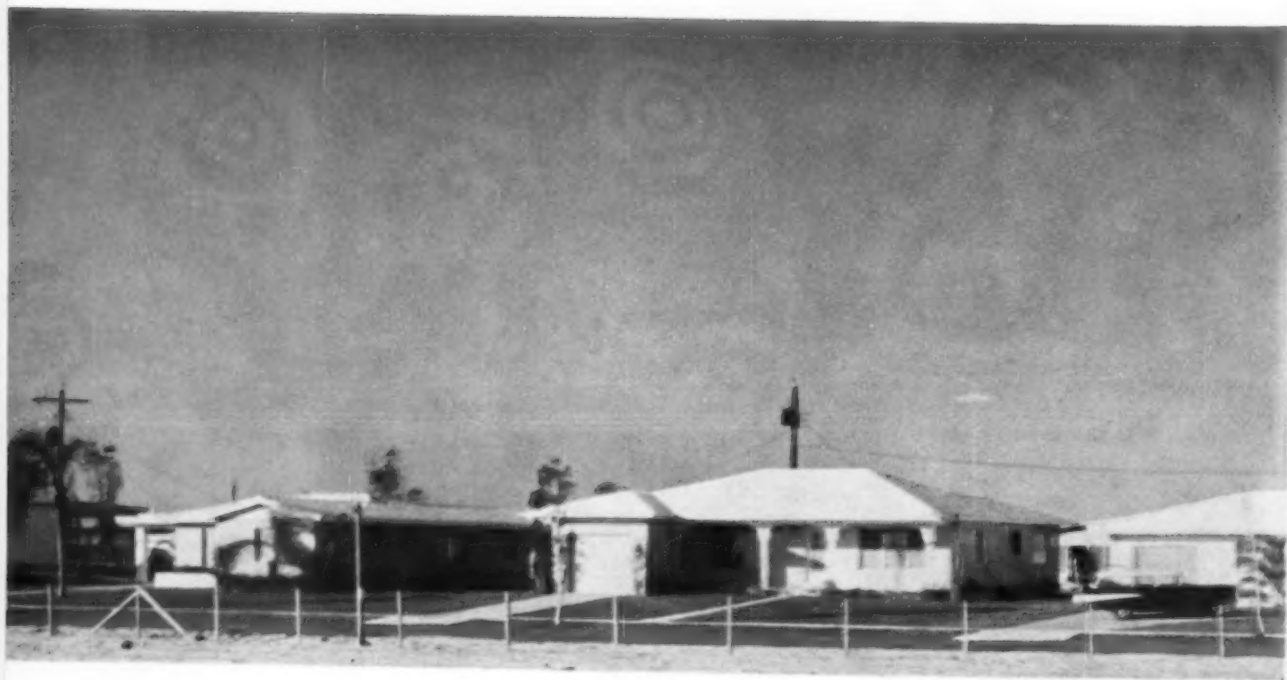


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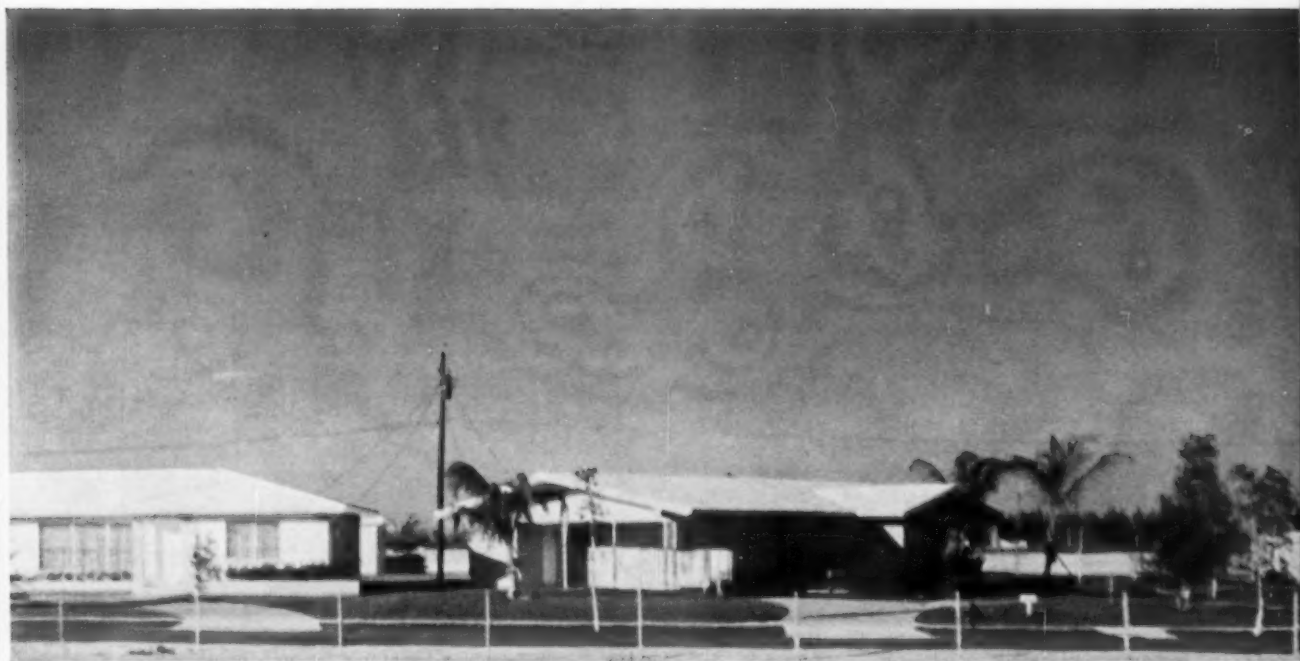
"With good planning, land that



. . . can become a Parade of



looks like this today . . .



Homes—like this—tomorrow"

MARCH 1957

Here's how they did it





THE BIG STORY, continued

... "here's how you dig

When the Home Builders Association of Palm Beach County staged its first Parade of Homes in 1956, they found themselves in a remarkable position.

The town they had chosen for the Parade either had or was soon to have all a town could want (and a few things that most towns never dream of) except for just one thing: it didn't have any people. It was wide open for the business of selling houses.

The story of how 1,350 acres of raw Florida land became a town in just one year is the story of Bob and Dick Ross, builders-turned-land planners. Here's a quick chronology of what happened between the time they bought the land and began to open up some 3,500 homesites to local builders:

They paid \$3,700,000 for the land—which lies across U.S. 1 about three miles north of Palm Beach and includes more than a mile of frontage of famous Lake Worth—to John McArthur, a Chicago insurance man who invests heavily in Florida real estate.

They called in Seward H. Mott Associates of Washington, D.C., famous community planners, and asked them to make the land one of the most desirable places to live in the U.S.A.

They went to the Florida Legislature and saw to it that the land became—officially—the new Village of North Palm Beach, Inc.

They began construction of a water and sewage treatment system and spent another \$1,000,000.

They donated 10 acres for a school that would be ready in the Fall of 1957.

All the while, they were in continuous consultation with Seward H. Mott Associates to make the Land Plan (shown above) a booming reality. Its most remarkable feature: over half of the 3,500 homesites will be on the water; all the waterways will be connected and all will have ready access to Lake Worth and the Intracoastal Waterway.

This wonderful feature of North Palm Beach didn't "just happen." It was the happy by-product of Seward H. Mott's solution to the two big problems that plagued the raw land: (1) There were several low areas that had to be filled to make them suitable for home building; (2) the absolute necessity—in this region of moderately heavy rainfall—for economical storm water drainage.

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How can I use this?

American Builder suggests that if no builder in your area is big enough to start a town and sell sites, get together with other builders to buy land corporately. That's what happened in Austin, Texas. Results: excellent.

1 DEVELOP A SOUND LAND PLAN

Bob and Dick Ross relied on famed community planners, Seward H. Mott Associates, to turn raw Florida land into a tropical paradise . . . for home-owners as well as builders.



2 GET THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT

Toughest problems (some low areas required fill; storm water drainage was essential) are being solved by good plan plus reliance on latest advances in "earth-moving."

up a building-opportunity"



3 BE CAREFUL HOW YOU SELL IT

Developers sold first section to builders in HBA of Palm Beach County who staged first Parade of Homes there. New town was nearly complete on "community facilities."

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What you see on the Land Plan as the "North Palm Beach Waterway" (and the "finger canals" off it) was the solution: it would come into existence when a shallow stream that connected the Intracoastal Waterway and the Earman River was dredged. The new Waterway would provide not only storm water drainage and fill but homesites with water frontage as well. Nearly half the residents would be able to dock boats in their backyards!

Other features of the Seward H. Mott Plan: a town hall (completed January 15); a country club with an 18-hole golf course (the only structure on the land when it was bought and now completely refurbished); two lakes, a shopping plaza, a marina, an office and medical center, two schools, boat storage facilities (these to be built).

The whole thing amounts to a \$20 million investment and the Ross brothers, who had originally planned it as a five-year project, now hope to see it completed in three years. Reason: a \$42 million Pratt & Whitney jet plant is being built just 12 miles away; about 2,000 personnel will thus become potential customers for houses in North Palm Beach.

This year, the Rosses expect to see 300 houses go up in their town; next year, they expect another 500. At present, in addition to the Parade Homes (17 houses), another 25 have been completed. These run in the \$16 to \$38,000 price bracket which the Rosses feel is both too low and too high; they hope builders will concentrate on a range between \$18,000 and \$22,000.

When you ask the Rosses how they accomplished their project in just one year, they bow in the direction of each other, Seward H. Mott Associates (community planning) and Brockway, Weber & Brockway (West Palm Beach engineers who engineered the streets and storm drainage as well as the sewage and water-treatment plant). Then they tell you that if any one attempted to proceed without the others, chaos would inevitably result.

... 4 ... and watch your costs: builders



Caterpillar bulldozer



Caterpillar grader



Barber-Greene asphalt spreader

can buy these lots for about \$3,000

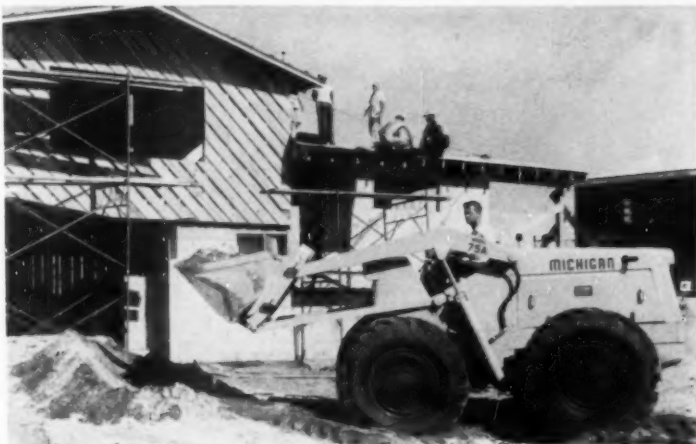
Preparing the first 500 building sites in North Palm Beach required the digging, pushing and hauling of about 330,000 yards of earth. This represents an average of slightly more than 600 yards per house—high, but not unreasonable; and the Rubin Construction Co. of West Palm Beach, earth-moving contractors who are doing the job for the Rosses, are holding costs to approximately 30 cents a yard.

There are some builders who would get the shivers at the thought of paying \$200 per house for grading in a level, sandy area, but in this case, the figure includes the creation of numerous canals which, in effect, turn about half the sites into waterfront property. This alone would be cheap at twice the price. In addition, the canals serve as storm sewers, and permit the use of relatively short runs of drain pipe.

The canals were dug with a "41 Northwest" combination crane and dragline, and presented little difficulty beyond the need for mats in some of the muckier areas.

North Palm Beach is built on an ancient dune formation with rounded soil particles. This provides excellent bearing when it is confined, but when the cover is removed it makes very loose footing. This was a problem, finally solved by equipping the "D Tournapulls," which do most of the hauling, with special 65-inch, low pressure sand tires.

The individual builders are responsible for putting in the concrete driveways and five-foot concrete sidewalks that go with each house; before that, of course, the Rosses had put in roads, and Rubin handles this job too. It involves some 60,000 square yards of paving, at a cost of about \$2.20 a yard. Specifications call for 28-foot major streets, on 8-inch local shell marl bases and 8-foot stabilized shoulders, and 1½ inches of asphalt; neighborhood roads are built to the same specifications, but are 20 feet wide.



Michigan front-end loader



Westinghouse-LeTourneau "D Tournapull"



Bucyrus-Erie scraper

Here's the kind of house they build ▶



ARCHITECTS Plockelman & Powell, AIA, specified reclaimed old brick and a smooth stucco finish to warm up the concrete block construction of this Florida house.

THE BIG STORY, continued

How a good land plan sets up a good house plan

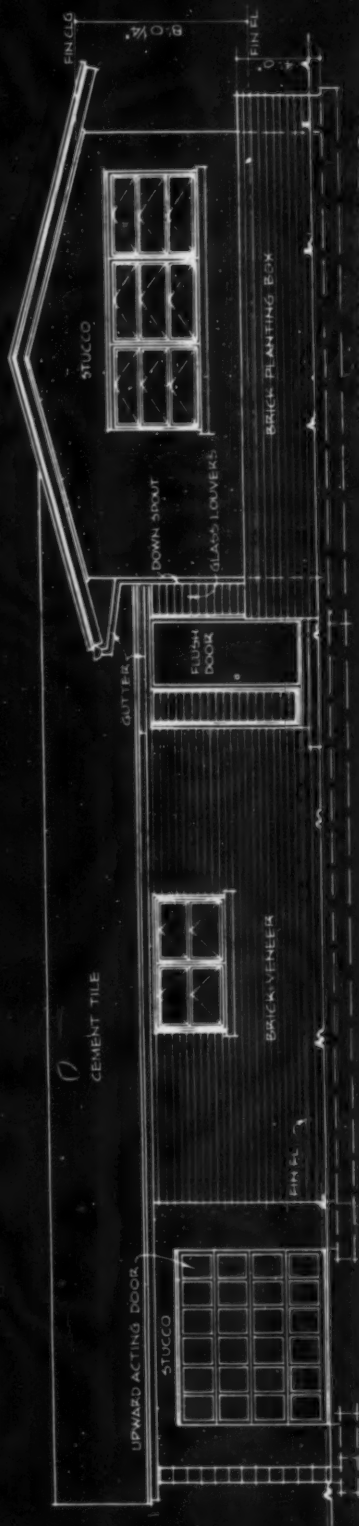
The builders who built this house moved all the way from Washington, D.C., to North Palm Beach, Fla., to do it. That's because their idea of custom building agreed perfectly with the idea that went into the planning of that town: "... the good quality of the home usually depends at least as much on its surroundings as on its design and construction" (see page 88). The builders therefore matched their own imagination to that of the land planners, and this house (for \$29,750) is the result.

It was built by H&D Construction Co., Inc., which is also currently building a similar model for about one-third less.

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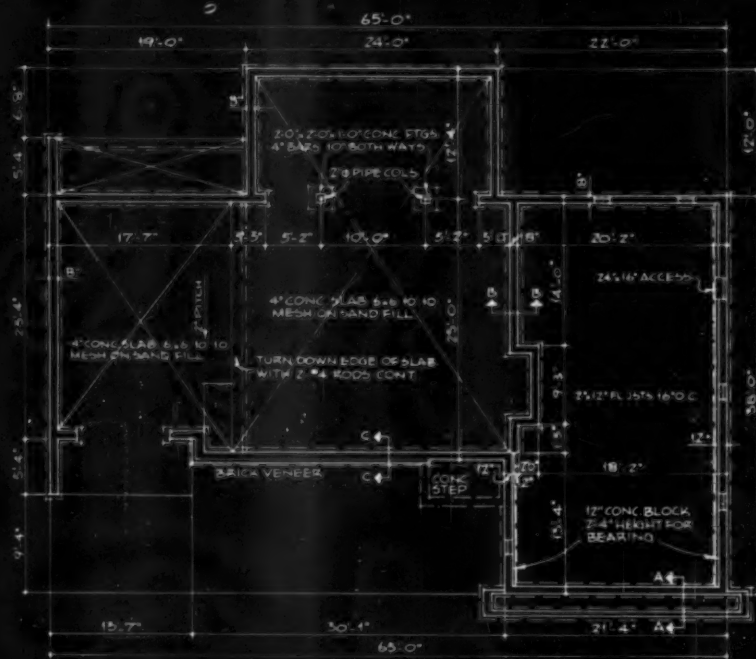
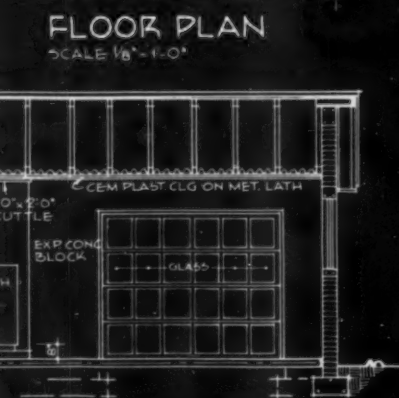
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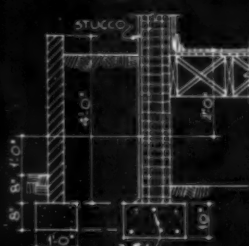
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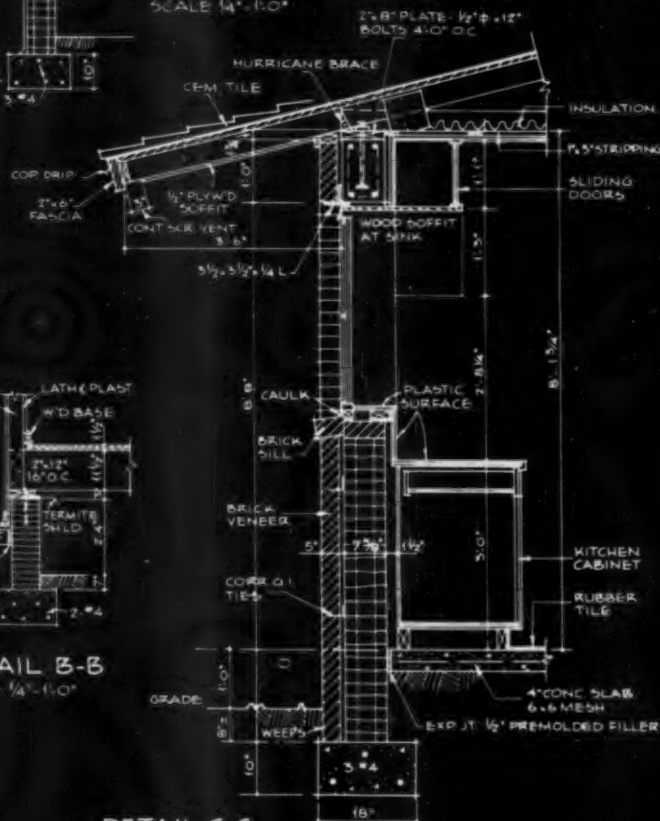




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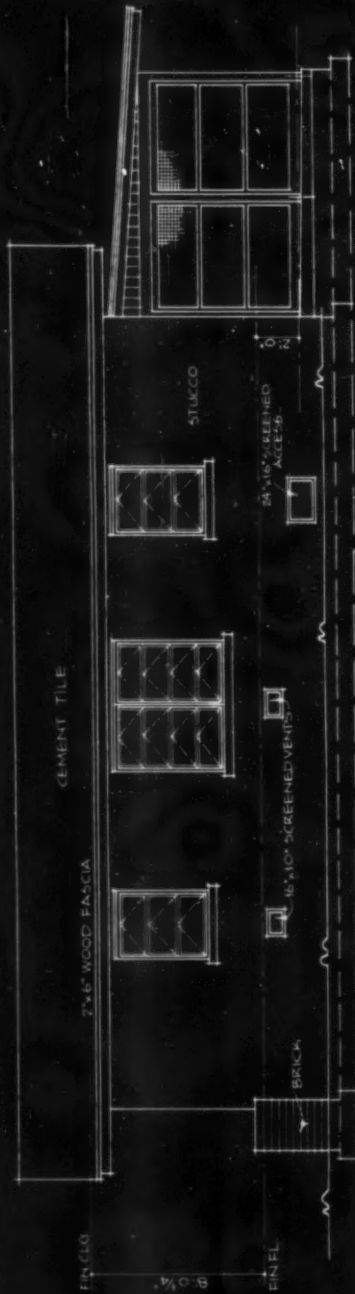
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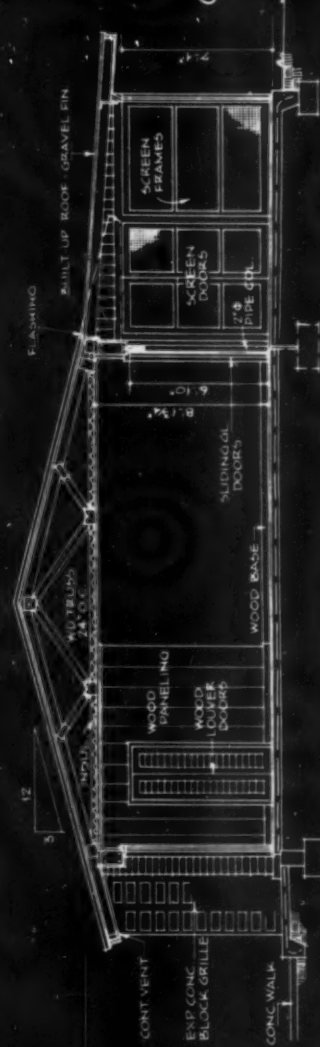
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LEFT SIDE ELEVATION SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"



RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"



CROSS SECTION A-A SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"



THIS FOYER separates the bedroom area from the living area. Photo, showing relationship of kitchen to foyer to living room, was taken from hall in bedroom wing.



YOU'RE LOOKING IN from a lanai into the oversized living room and, beyond, into the foyer. Here's a house where privacy is there if you want it: up the steps.

... inside, you step down into the "living area"
(a complete list of materials is on page 247)

The plan of this house is frankly sophisticated: it's designed for complete privacy, when the owners want it (note the locations of the two main bedrooms and bathrooms, how they are separated by a third bedroom that will probably serve as a study); it's also designed for a completely full schedule of family living and entertaining (note the oversized living room, how it opens onto kitchen and porch space). Separating the two ideas: four steps, up or down, just off the foyer.

Also, it's a quality house all the way. The kitchen, with its wall oven set in brick, has appliances by Westinghouse and cabinets by Mutschler. Its floors are terrazzo, flecked with marble, on the lower level and Bruce oak hardwood on the bedroom level. Heating and air conditioning systems are by Janitrol and electrical fixtures are by Lightolier and Halcolite. Crane supplied the plumbing fixtures and Progress the ventilating fans. The interior makes use of Pratt & Lambert paints.

Other products: rubber Kentile in the kitchen; Schlage hardware; Kimsul insulation; Lehigh cement; Howell garage door; pine sheathing; Panaview sliding glass doors; Daryl shower doors; other doors, Gate City; Leonard aluminum awning-type windows; cement shingles, Hawthorn Roofing Co.



THIS KITCHEN plays two roles: it's a good work-kitchen (laundry is beyond brick oven-wall, adjacent to door to garage); and it's a good "center" for party preparation.

POSSIBLE HURRICANES must be considered by a Florida builder. Biggest problem is keeping the roof from being blown into the next county. Reinforced concrete lintel, being poured here, is a part of the solution.

WARM CLIMATE also plays a big part in construction design, permits wide use of economical masonry blocks. An attractive exterior finish over this masonry is a major reason for booming sales enjoyed by H & D.



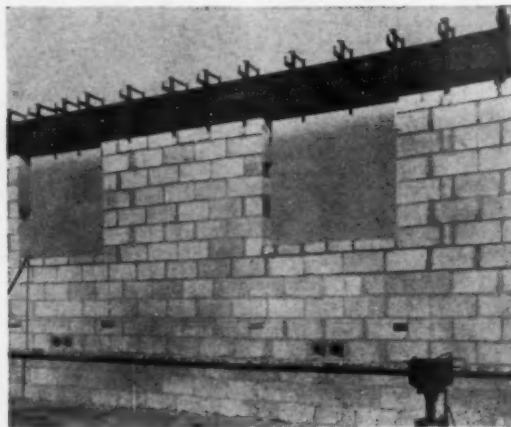
Under the warm exterior
a hurricane-proof
shell of solid masonry ...



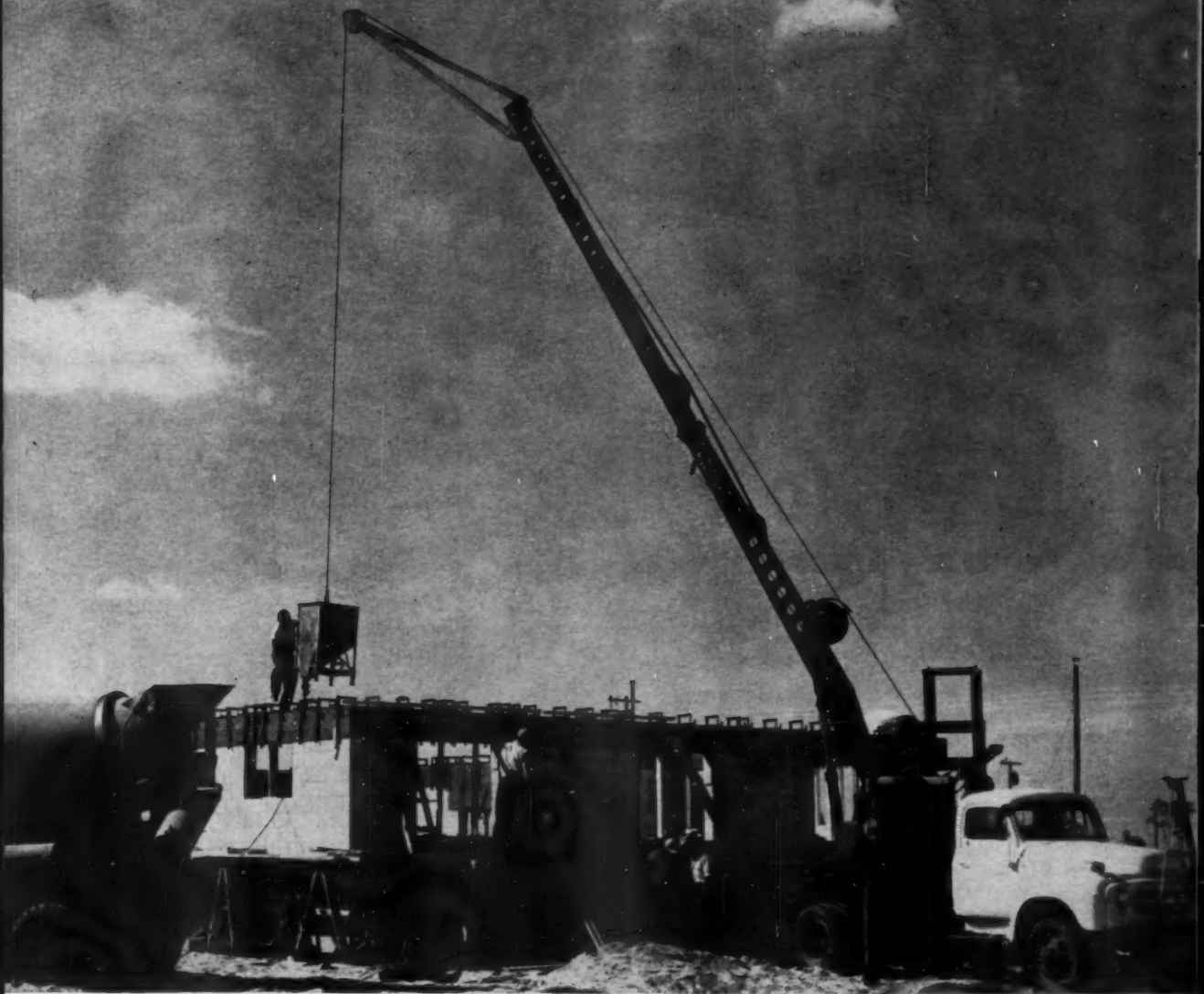
... and here's how it's made



REINFORCING RODS will be spread, projected into block cores, which in turn will be filled with concrete. Result: a solid column from footing to top plate.



LINTEL FORMS IN PLACE ready for the pour. Flange hooks on side of brackets are to hold a 2x4, which in turn is used to line up the forms accurately.



CONCRETE IS POURED into the beam forms. Combination of pre-mix truck and crane bucket permits just one man to handle the job on top of the house.



FINISHED BEAM includes the bolts shown here. A wooden header goes over them, and when it's bolted down, even a hurricane won't take the roof off.

... end of THE BIG STORY: "Good land plan

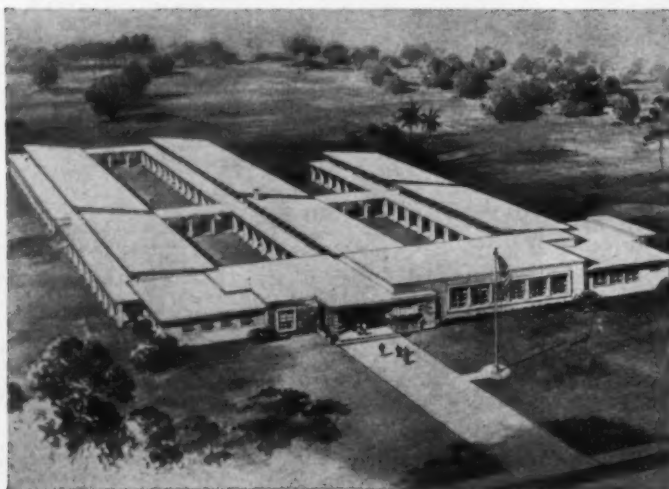


**"They put in utilities
before selling sites"**

Builders Bob and Dick Ross spent \$1 million on this sewage and water plant in N. Palm Beach; it can serve 10,000 persons and can easily be expanded to serve over 22,000. Storm drainage system, gas lines, street paving were also completed before houses were built. Florida's director of Sanitary Engineering and Board of Health called it all "just wonderful."

**"When they say 'country-
club living,' they mean it"**

An existing Country Club was on the land when the Rosses bought it; the club is now completely refurbished and its 18-hole golf course is being redesigned—all of it for the exclusive use of N. Palm Beach residents. A modern marina and yacht club is also planned. It will provide deep water dockage and will be built on the lake front adjacent to the country club. (Land plan on page 92 shows exact locations).



**"They donated ten acres
for schools"**

One of the first moves the Rosses made, after incorporating their land as the Village of North Palm Beach, was to set aside acreage for schools to serve their 3,500 homesites. At left is the proposed model. The School Board is budgeting the necessary funds so that it will be completed in Fall-1957. At present, town is served by school just one mile away.

ning means community facilities like these"

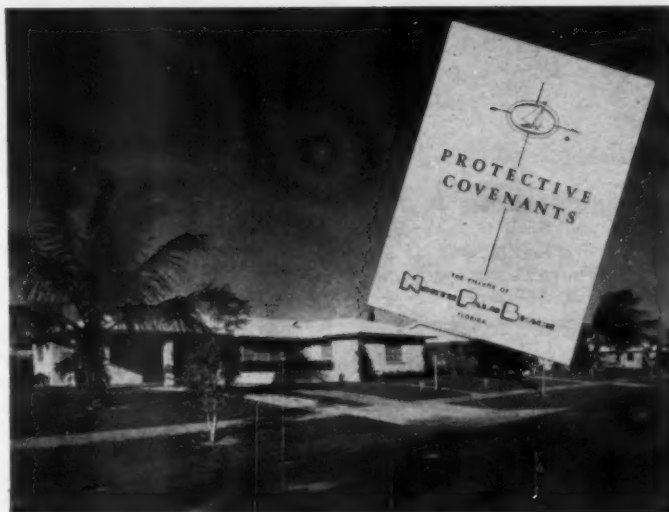


**"They put up a city hall
before people moved in"**

The \$70,000 city hall at the left was completed January 15 and houses the municipal functions of the Village of North Palm Beach. Also on hand: a city manager, a fire engine, a police department of three men to provide 24-hour police protection. Until tax revenues (which will be first collected in November 1957) can support the city government, operating funds were loaned by a local bank.

**"Good land values are
maintained by good codes"**

"The vital importance of ground planning and control of the development of neighborhoods" is played up in the introduction to a booklet of Protective Covenants that has been issued by the Village of North Palm Beach. These covenants, backed by zoning regulations, protect the area from haphazard development. For example: all shops are confined to a Shopping Plaza.



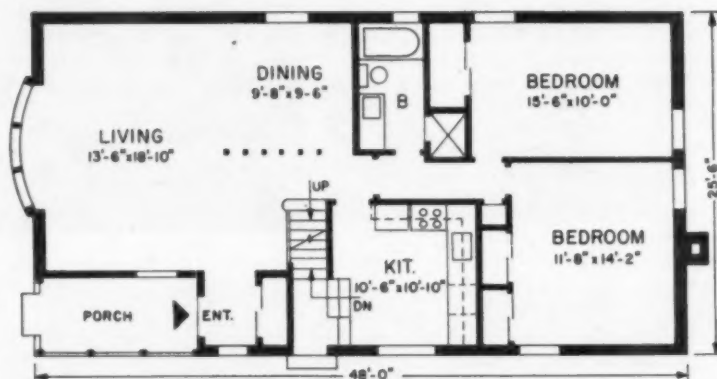
**"The best facility of
all: there's more land"**

The officers and directors of the HBA of Palm Beach County chose the new Village of North Palm Beach for their first Parade of Homes not only because there was a site big enough (including parking space) but because there was plenty of additional improved land on which speculative or custom building could be done.



EXTERIOR FINISH of clapboard and brick is in keeping with the colonial flavor of the house. Dormer is for staircase; another in the rear houses the upstairs bathroom.

LIVING AREA is big and open, yet usually well separated from sleeping area. Upstairs includes a full bath, several closets, and two extremely large bedrooms.

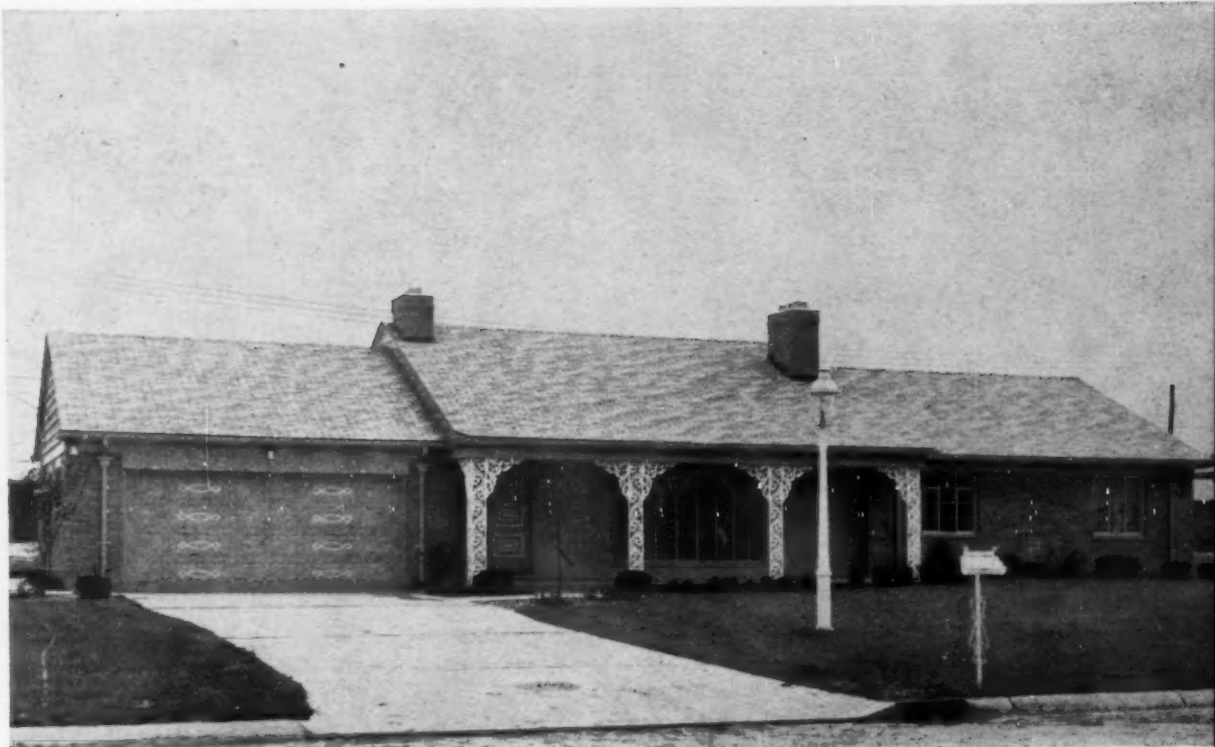


Traditional design for '57

1. The Cape Cod in modern dress

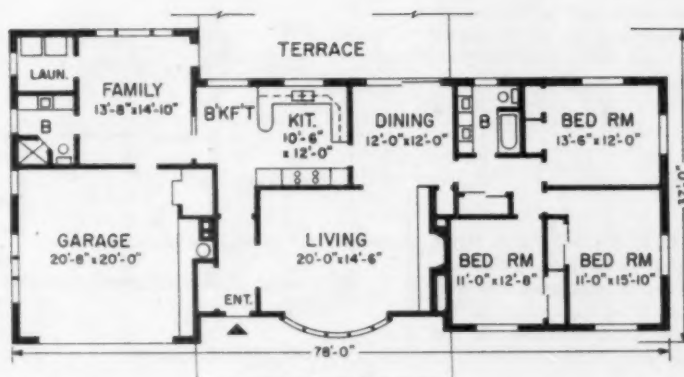
The oldest American design, the Cape Cod, is the basis for this house in Bellerose, N.Y., built by Jack Parker and designed by Oscar I. Silverstone. One of the major virtues of this architectural

style is size; including two bedrooms and a bath on the second floor, this house offers close to 1,800 square feet of living space, plus a full cellar—enough elbow room for almost any family.



CURVED PORCH ROOF and decorative iron pillars give the conservative look necessary for traditional style. Fancy gutter scupper boxes and old fashioned lamp post are attractive touches.

NOTHING OLD FASHIONED goes into the floor plan. Note particularly the excellent size and separation of the informal living and dining area in rear of the house.



Traditional design for '57 continued

2. The details make the difference

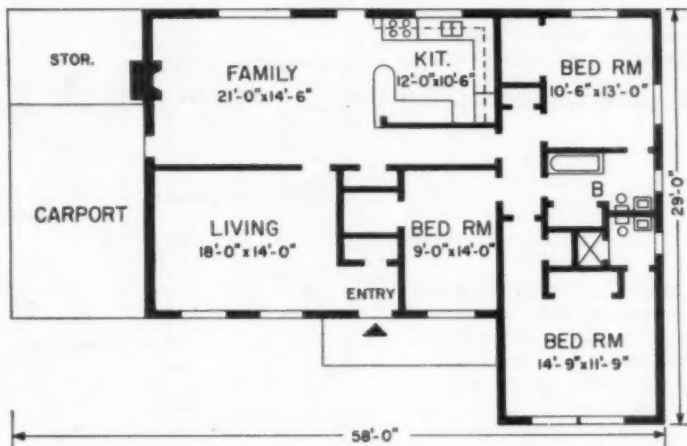
Even though the basic layout is modern, attention to detail can still produce an authentic traditional feeling. The overall shape and the floor plan of this house are typically modern ranch in

style; but by judicious use of such items as the high roof pitch and the bow window, architect Nelson E. Thal has made this Toledo, Ohio, house traditional. Albert J. Corey is the builder.



STRONG CORNICE LINE and relatively fancy-shaped wooden gutter are part of the authenticity of this house, as is the curved lintel arch detail over the front porch.

AN OLD FASHIONED IDEA brought up to date is the huge family room. Considered with the kitchen, it is reminiscent of the "family kitchens" that all old houses used to have.



Traditional design for '57 continued

3. Brick — the traditional material

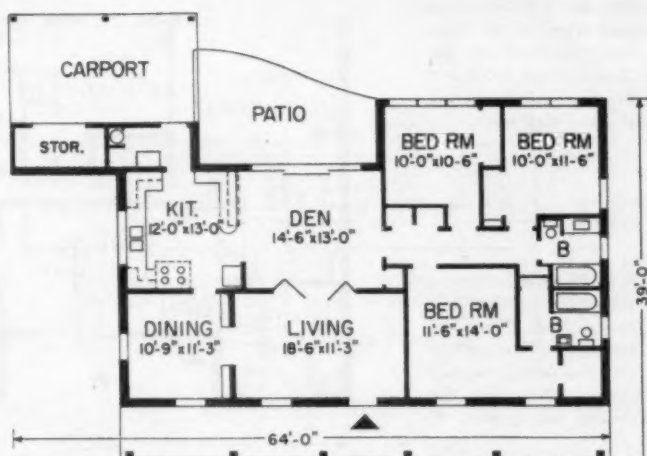
Brick has been one of the most widely used building materials in the South since colonial days. Builder Hugh H. Armstrong of Savannah, Ga., has combined it here with big, 16-light double

hung windows and shutters to produce a home very close in flavor to the smaller outbuildings of the old plantations. The carefully preserved trees lend an air of permanence to the house.



THE OVERSIZE ROOF on this house serves a dual purpose; it makes possible the attractive porch on front, and its low line makes the house look longer and larger than it really is.

FLOOR PLAN shows a minimum of wasted hall space, ample informal living area. Note the luxurious master bedroom setup, a strong sales feature in any part of the country.



Traditional design for '57 continued

4. The porch is the keynote

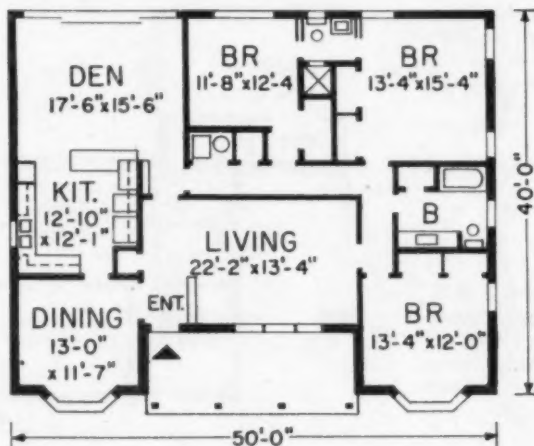
By pulling its porch down over its eyes, so to speak, this moderate sized home in Baton Rouge, La., turns itself into an old Southern mansion complete with columns. And by adding such

touches as the front windows and shutters which reach almost to the floor, Builder A. G. Miley has succeeded in achieving the traditional dignity associated with this type of home.



A MODERN FLOURISH on an old fashioned frame is the huge window area provided by the two bays in the dining room and master bedroom, and the picture casement in the living room.

KITCHEN IS PLACED to serve both the formal dining room and the den-family room. Note the unusual arrangement of bathrooms, two bedrooms sharing one bath—the other for the master bedroom and guests.



Traditional design for '57 continued

5. This one pulls out all the stops

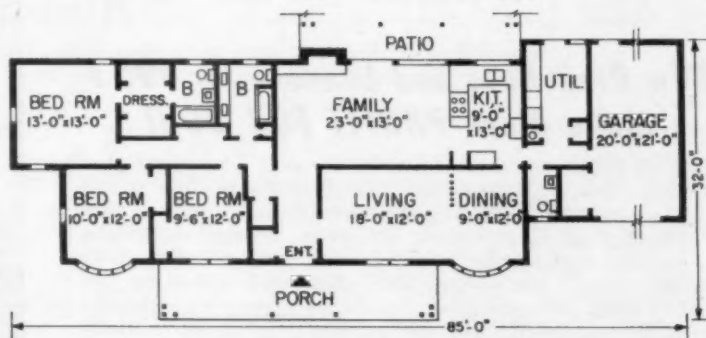
A far cry from the western ranch house is this Dallas Home, designed and built by Leland Lee, Jr. Virtually everything that might be associated with traditional design is included, from the

old fashioned front porch railings and newells to the careful cornice work complete with dental effect. Cedar shingle roof and brick add to warmth, are almost a must in this part of Texas.



THE BIG PORCH with its railing and columns dominates the front elevation of the house. Dormers add an apparent second story, make the house seem higher than it actually is.

LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS are big and comfortable. The family room is the center of the house, is as big as the living room and dining room combined. Note the large utility area.



Traditional design for '57 continued

6. The old South goes West

Tulsa, Oklahoma, isn't California by any means, but it's still unusual to find such formal "Old South" architecture this far West. Pat Dailey, the designer, has taken a simple, almost rectangular

floor plan, and merely by tacking on pieces of house, changed an ordinary ranch into this Civil War memory. Gene Elmore built the house, which is aptly named the "Southern Comfort."



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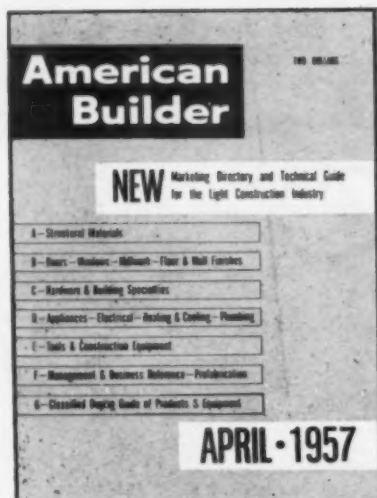
Things for builders to think about during April.

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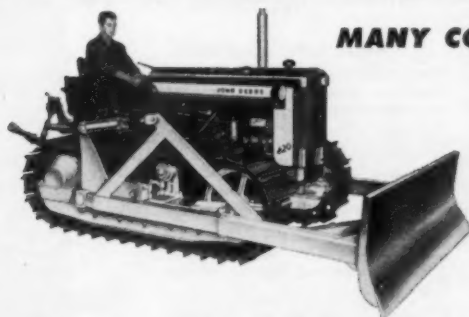
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3. Estimated cost all new sheathing
with 2 x 4 blocking at panel edges . \$206
4. Estimated cost 2 x 6 T & G decking . \$291

*169.00 per M "as built" cost represents
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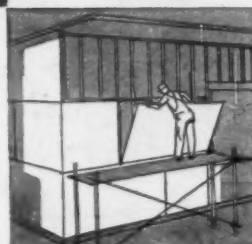
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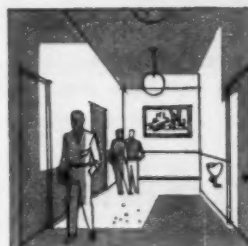
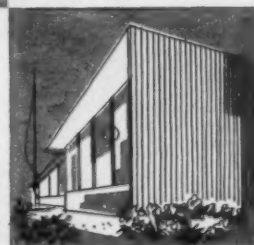
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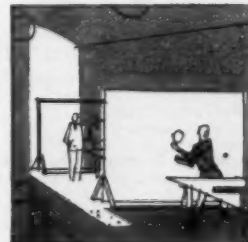
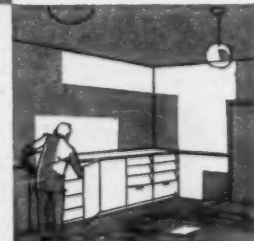
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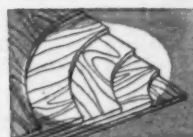
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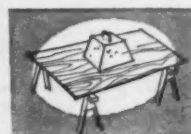
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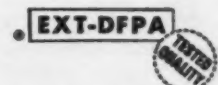
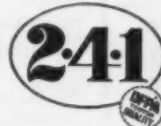


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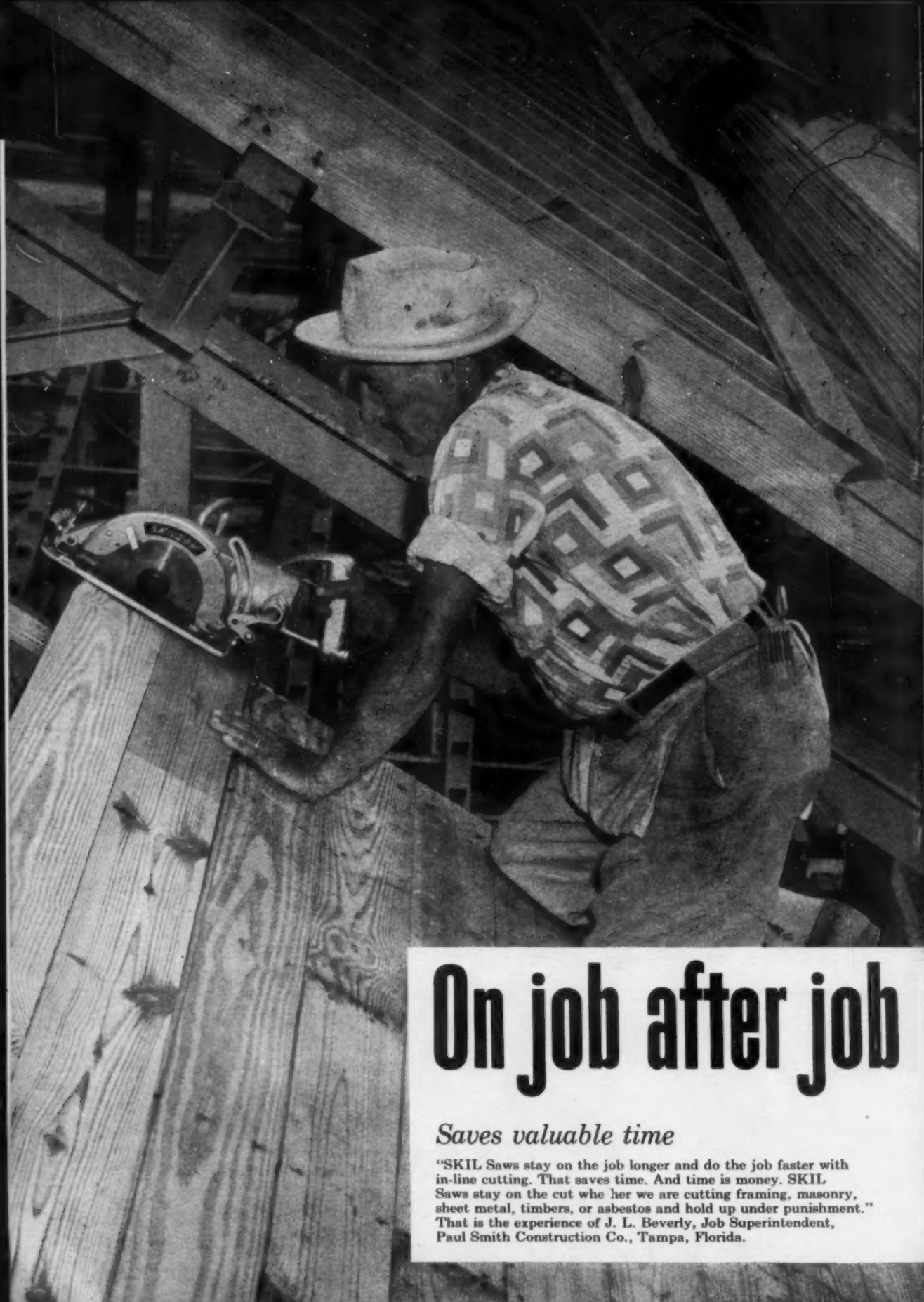
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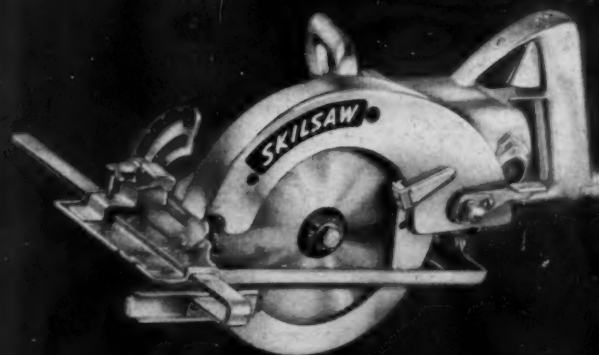
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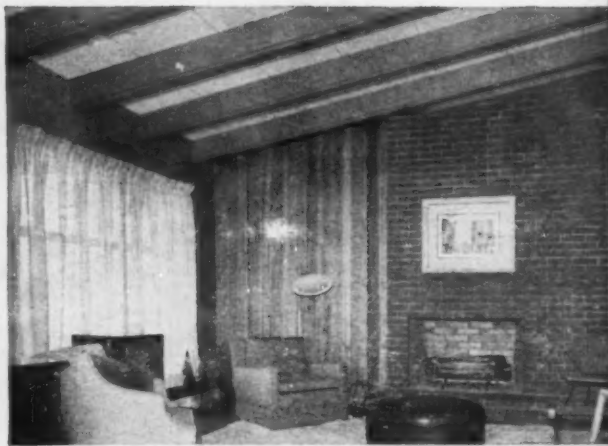
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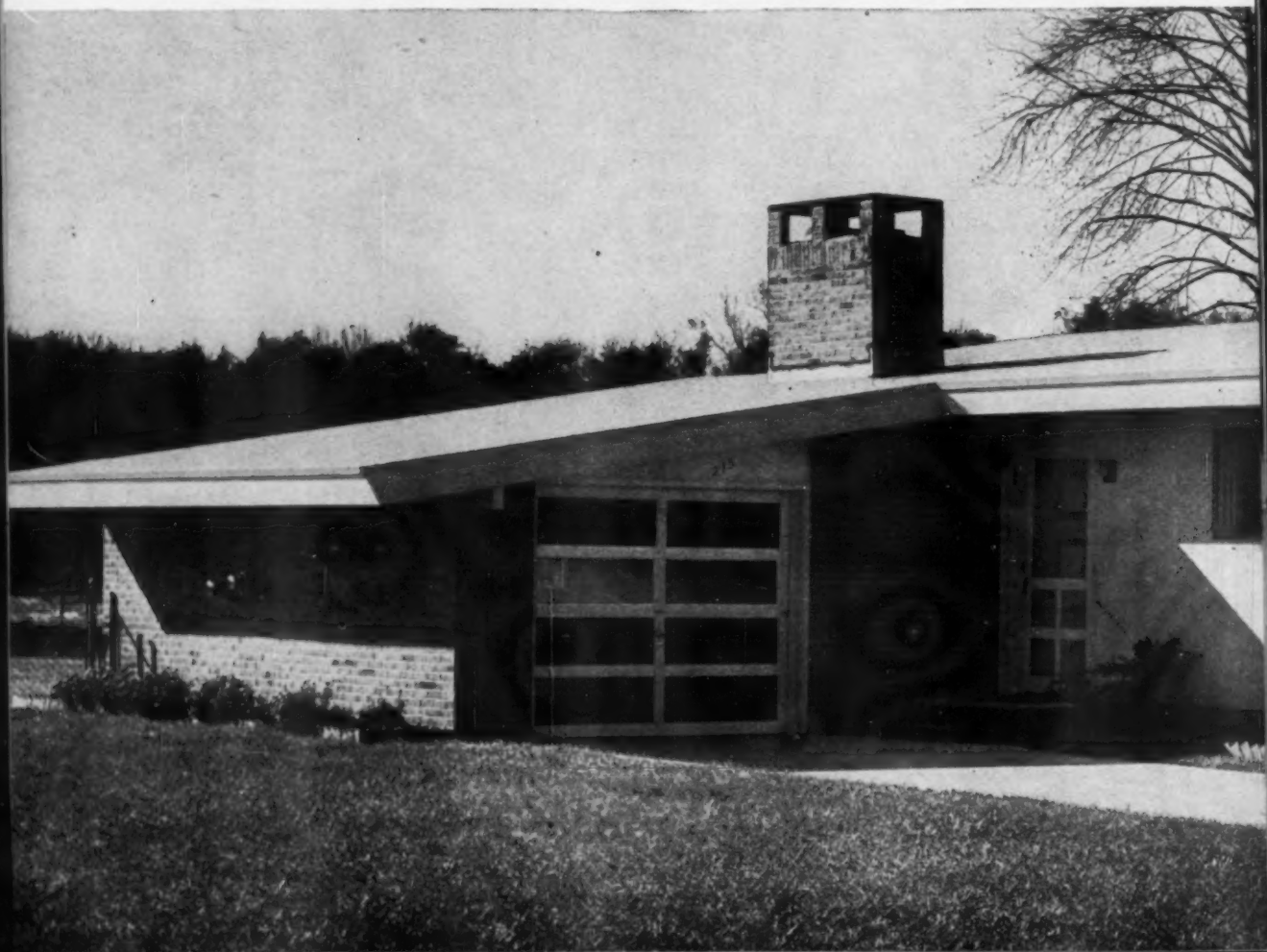
"Insulite Roof Deck saves



Bulder Frank Whitehurst, Jr. watches rapid progress on a Virginia Beach project home. Easy-cutting, fast-nailing Bildrite Sheathing saves about \$75 more per home, says Whitehurst, and makes corner bracing unnecessary. Architect for project is Herbert L. Smith III, A.I.A. of Oliver and Smith, Norfolk, Virginia.



Attractive interior of a \$15,000 Whitehurst home shows how effectively Architect Smith has used open beam design, and prefinished ceiling of Insulite Roof Deck. Use of 2" Roof Deck, plus Insulite Wool (made of Fiberglas) in sidewalls, cuts summer room temperatures by 10° to 15°, builder Whitehurst reports.



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Protection" is moving right up beside "decoration" as a function of wall treatment, one would conclude from the new products and processes being made available to builders every day. Paints have better wear resistance, and the popularity of natural wood has hatched a number of improved pigmented stain finishes for exterior use. The trend to contrasting materials and textures for exteriors brings color into wider use. It is found in new cement and stucco pigments (below) and in multi-colored paints, where two or more colors are sprayed to give rich effects. Stipple effects with the same color are achieved with two sprayings, first fine aggregates, then coarse (Textretones by Paramount Paint & Lacquer Co., Los Angeles). Exterior latex paints are now on the market, with

the well-known advantages of fast drying, non-streaking, freedom from brush marks.

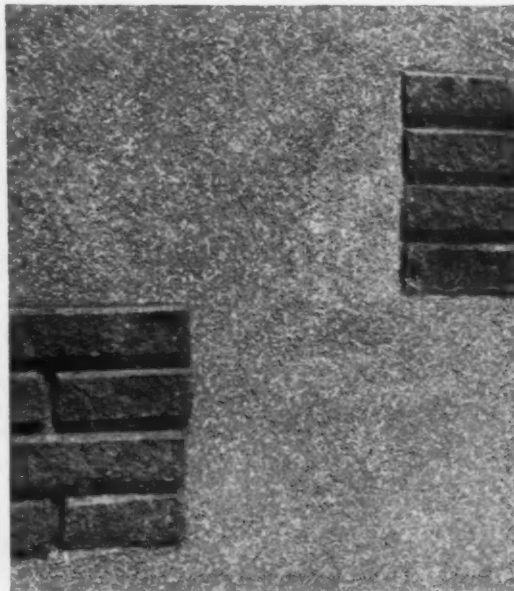
Latex paints now include natural rubber and vinyl latexes as well as the original synthetic. White remains the top-selling color, both interior and exterior, then greens and yellows, with grays coming up sharply, according to Louis Fisher of the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Assn.

New coatings offer greater protection to exposed surfaces, especially concrete. Vitricon (see 131) is a cold-glazed finish that goes on almost any surface. Everwear J-41-B, by Maintenance Inc., Wooster, Ohio, puts a bright black anti-corrosive finish on building materials. Metaz (Sealube Co., Wakefield, Mass.) has an epoxy base that withstands chemicals and abrasion.

1 . . . on exterior walls . . . more color finishes



SPRAYING Colorcrete is one of jobs of multi-purpose machine. Mounted on trailer, it also pneumatically sand blasts, chisels and washes. Colorcrete stucco has a wide color range. Circle No. 3054 on reply card, p. 134.



MULTI-COLOR is now available for exterior surfaces, as the interesting texture contrast shows. Plexitone, pioneer in multi-color paint, offers builders a Model Home Merchandising Package. Circle No. 3055, p. 134.

2 . . . for a plaster wall . . . a versatile bonding agent



SINGLE WHITE COAT of $\frac{1}{4}$ " lime putty plaster goes directly over old oil-painted block with Plaster-Weld. Liquid bonding agent with polyvinyl acetate is brushed, sprayed or rolled on, has tensile strength of 600 psi.



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3 . . . for interior walls . . . durable beauty



CONTRASTING WALLS in living room of model by Loving Brothers, Columbus, Ohio, have washable canvas Wall-Tex in grass-weave and Woodland designs. Colors are soft greens and silver. **Circle No. 3057 on p. 134.**

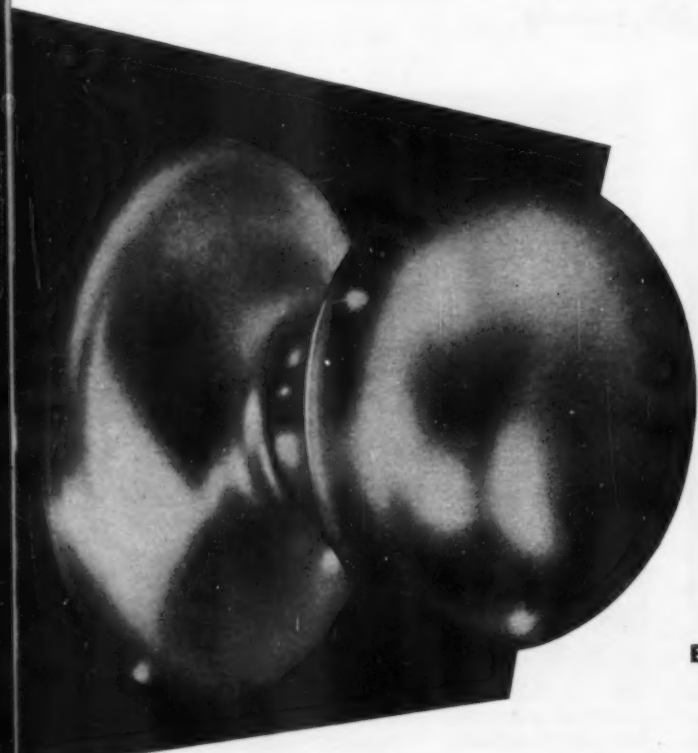


COMBINATION of tiles and yard material, all vinyl, gives fresh effect. Bolta-Wall tiles are pre-pasted for do-it-yourself; yardgoods are designed for professional application. **Circle No. 3058 on reply card, p. 134.**



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... still more about what's new in the field of paints, finishes, adhesives, etc. Complete buying guide starts on page 128. Use the reply card on page 134 for more detailed information

MULTI-COLORED TEXTURED PAINT comes in wide variety of colors. Here it's applied with only a hand shield and drop cloth. One coat of Plextone over suitable primer covers all common building materials, eliminating expensive preparations. Paint also has anti-static properties to repel dust and dirt. From Plextone Corporation of America, Dept. AB, 2141 McCarter Highway, Newark 4, New Jersey. (Circle No. 3059 on reply card, page 134.)



Paints are doing double duty too



COLD GLAZED cement finish of Vitricon is sprayed on concrete, masonry or plaster surface and becomes part of wall without bonding or baking. In decorative colors, it approximates high-strength cement, is glossy-surfaced. Vitricon, Inc., Dept. AB, Long Island City 2, N.Y. (No. 3060, on page 134.)



ALL-PURPOSE vinyl plastic paint, "Seal-Kote" can be applied on either wet or dry, interior or exterior surfaces. Plastic film permits release of internal moisture, resists dirt and acids, is easily washed. The Wooster Seal-Kote Company, Dept. AB, Attn. T. C. English, Jr., Wooster, Ohio. (Circle No. 3061, on page 134.)

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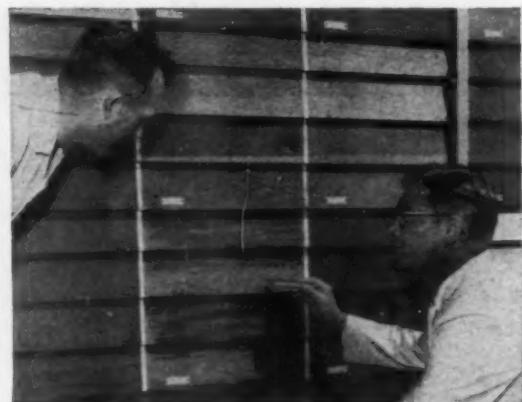


A PAINT BRUSH instead of a trowel can be used to apply Armstrong's new adhesive for its Excelon vinyl-asbestos tile. No lining felt is needed with the adhesive, called S-700 Brushing Cement. Can be applied directly to a strong, smooth double wood sub-floor if loose boards are renailed and high spots are planed out. Permanently tacky, adhesive will not burn or dry out. One gallon covers 175 sq. ft. Armstrong Cork Co., Dept. AB, Liberty & Charlotte Sts., Lancaster, Pa. (No. 3062, on page 134).



NO FIRE HAZARDS to worry about, according to the makers of Pecora Tile Adhesives. Besides being resistant to fire, this adhesive has strong "grab" which allows tile setter to work from top down, insuring a perfectly straight installation, without fear of tile slippage. Pecora has sufficient open time to allow for flexible working period of one hour. Pecora Paint Co., Dept. AB 3501 North Fourth St., Philadelphia 40, Pa. (No. 3063, on page 134.)

▼ **How to apply a natural finish . . . or remove it**



PRACTICAL AND NATURAL finish which will retain the natural beauty of wood house siding and trim is suggested by the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory. Described as having lasting power of four years or more, natural finish, when prepared according to the FPL formula, has good color retention, soft sheen, water-shedding properties, is easy to apply and maintain. Forest Products Laboratory, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. (Circle No. 3064 on reply card, page 134.)



PAINT REMOVER which is non-flammable is announced by RPO Chemicals. Called LPO (lifts paint off), it is claimed to blister epon, and epoxy-based paints off surfaces, often in less than five minutes. LPO acts without damage to underlying wood or metal surfaces, can be sprayed or brushed on surface from which paint, varnish, enamel or lacquer is to be removed. Cleaned surface need only be washed. RPO Chemical Corp., Dept. AB 2727 E. 9 Mile Rd., Hazel Park, Mich. (No. 3065, page 134.)

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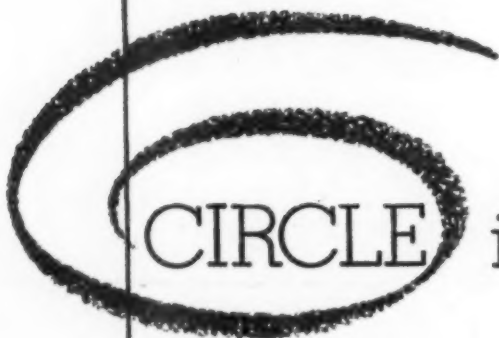
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PLASTIC PANELS RENEWED with application of Resolac, a new air-drying liquid plastic lacquer that can be easily brushed or sprayed on weather-dulled plastic panels. Said to add new lustre or deepen color of panel to reduce light and heat transmission. Composed of special resinous materials, it will not peel, crack or chip, produces smooth and lustrous finish. Comes in clear and seven colors. Resolite Corp., Dept. AB, Attn. B. Magette, Zelienople, Pa. (Circle No. 3067 on reply card, p. 134.)

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CONCRETE PAINTING PROBLEM can be solved with use of Colorflex Plus AWA, a decorative as well as protective coating for floor surfaces. Suitable for use on practically all surfaces, inside and out, it contains a penetrating synthetic resin base which makes it especially good for painting concrete. Suggested by the maker as a superior sealer and coloring for wood, brick, composition, etc. In colors and clear. Flexrock Co., Dept. AB, 3601 Filbert St., Philadelphia 1, Pa. (No. 3068, on page 134.)



FIREPROOFING STRUCTURAL steel members and steel floor units in building construction can be accomplished easily and thoroughly with Sprayed "Limpet" Asbestos, according to the manufacturer. In addition to fire protection, the coating also guards structural steel members against corrosion. "Limpet" Asbestos can be applied to any surface by blowing it under pressure through specially designed spray machine: Keasbey & Mattison Co., Dept. AB, Ambler, Pa. (Circle 3069, on page 134.)

▼ **Six more products you should know about**



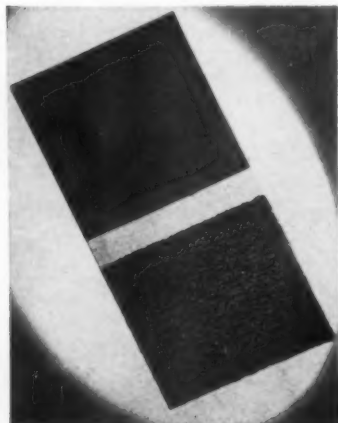
PATCHING, REPAIRING are specialties of this Spackling Paste. A ready-to-use compound, primarily made for plaster, wood and concrete construction, it is strongly adhesive and adheres permanently to any firm surface including glass and metal. Synkoloid Co., Dept. AB, Attn. G. Rayburg, 3345 Medford St., Los Angeles, Calif. (No. 3070, p. 134.)



FINISHING BRUSHES by Honey-Ox are offered for professional finishing work. Perfectly balanced, with chiseled edge, bristles are blend of French bristles and light oxhair. Walnut-lacquered, round grip Jap handle. In four sizes. From Devoe & Reynolds, Dept. AB, 401 W. Main St. Louisville 2, Ky. (Circle No. 3071, on page 134.)



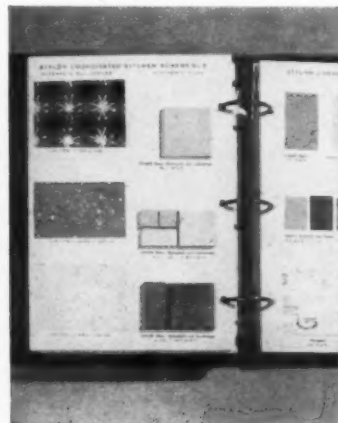
CONTACT CEMENT called 'Stix-grip' has been announced by Adhesive Products. Waterproof and heat-resistant, it bonds decorative laminates to plywood, pressed wood, steel, concrete, plaster, etc. Also bonds leather, linoleum, etc. Adhesive Products Corp., Dept. AB, 1660 Boone Ave., New York 60, N.Y. (No. 3072, on page 134.)



SAFETY FLOOR FINISH, called "Sono-Grip" brushes on like paint, provides a non-slip finish to wood and concrete floors, steel treads and metal decks. Recommended especially for industrial floors, it is resistant to gasoline, alcohol, oil, grease and some acids. L. Sonneborn Sons Inc., Dept. AB, 404 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N.Y. (No. 3073, page 134.)



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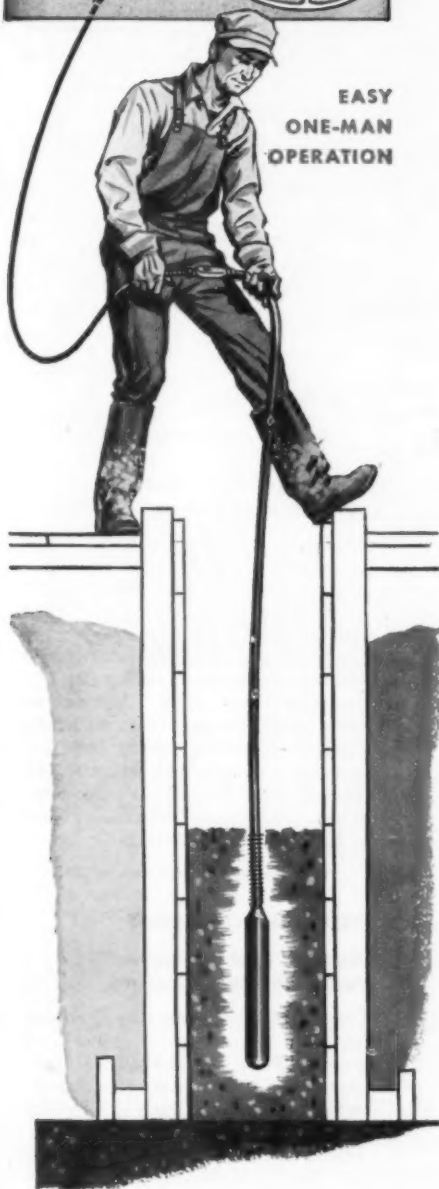
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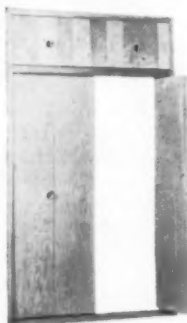
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TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

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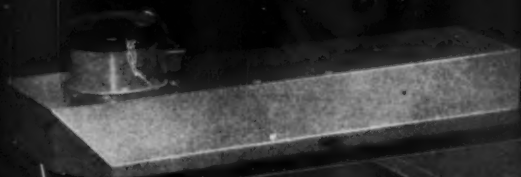
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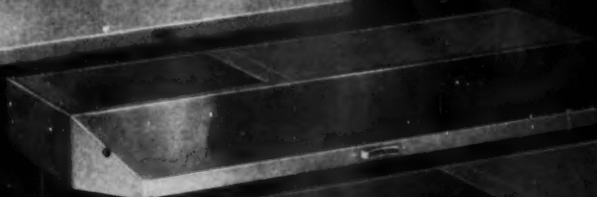
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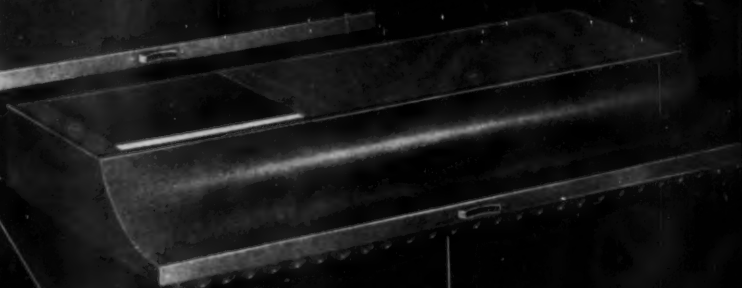
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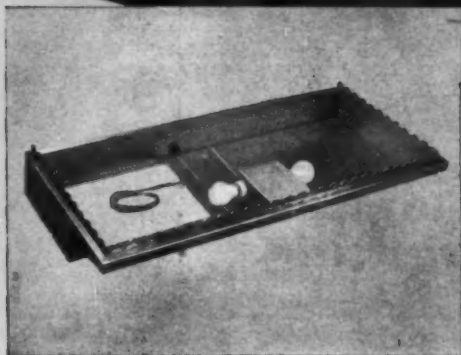
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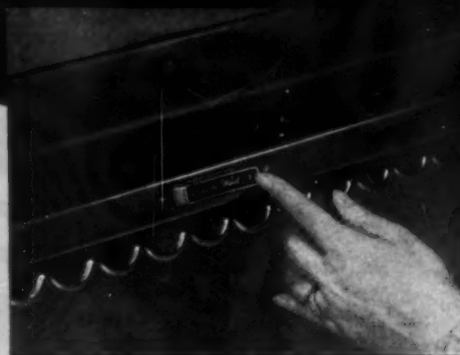
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Touch-Bar control for both light and 3 speed switch on the Salem and Stationary. This striking modern design eliminates confusing array of colored buttons.



Trade-Wind Motorfans, Inc. 7755 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD, DEPT. AB, RIVERA, CALIFORNIA

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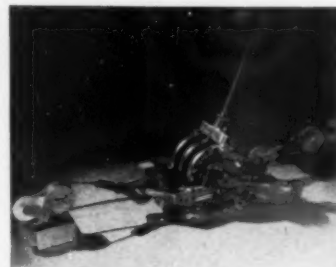
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TOOLS & EQUIPMENT



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Circle No. 3079 on reply card, p. 134.



Tool of a thousand uses now safety-engineered

A hand stud driver which is self-contained and self-centering is now equipped with a safety handle. This handle is removable and adjustable to any position which makes close work in deep channels or boxes possible. Constructed of the highest quality alloy steel, properly treated to insure maximum safety, long life, and trouble free service. Produces uniform results in concrete block, cinder block, brick and steel. More information from Fastening Devices, Inc., Dept. AB, 369 50th St., Brooklyn 20, N.Y.

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SALES SECRET:

NEW FIRE-PROOF CLAPBOARD

Newest siding sales feature for homes — beautiful clapboard of fireproof asbestos and cement. Ruberoid's exclusive Duroc® finish seals in color beauty, seals out dirt. Autoclaving guarantees against shrinkage for permanent tight fit. Tell buyers sidewalls can't rot or wear out, need almost no maintenance. Make your homes easier to sell with new Ruberoid Autoclaved Clapboard.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Av. Approx. Wt./Sq. . . . 195 lbs
Pieces/Sq. 39 lbs
Bundles/Sq. 3
Size 8 3/4" x 48"
Exposure 7 3/4" x 48"
Headlap 1"

Colors: Sno-White, Mist Green, Shell
Coral, Cloud Gray and Canary Yellow

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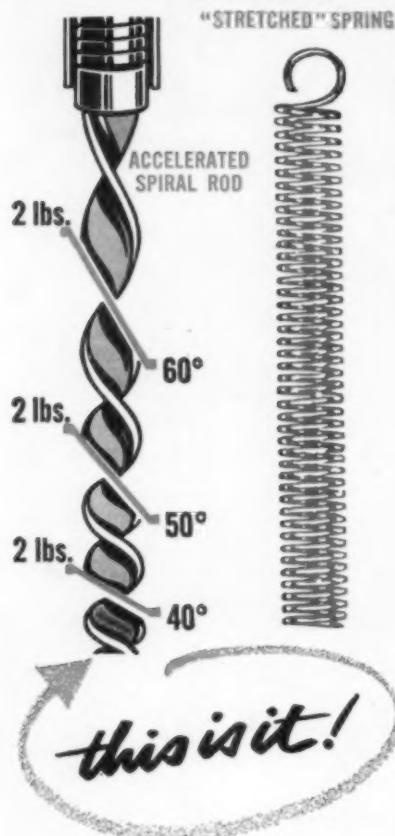
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For more information, ask for Autoclaved Clapboard folder #1359.

Write The Ruberoid Co., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York 36, N. Y.

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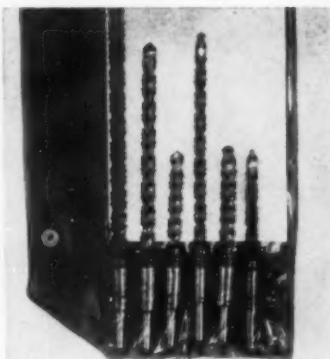
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TOOLS & EQUIPMENT



Heavier drill-routers kit now available

Complete kit of drill-router tools has just been introduced. Improved steel has been used to make each tool still more flexible. Obtainable in diameters from $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and up to 7" in length, these drill-routers will pierce 6" plaster walls, window casings or hardwood floors. Also have numerous other applications in the construction and installation field. Information from Tec Imports, Dept. AB, 14525 Bessemer St., Van Nuys, Calif.

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KITCHENS, APPLIANCES



Built-in refrigeration models for 1957

A complete new line of refrigeration equipment has been designed to accommodate both large and small kitchens in every conceivable arrangement. All cabinets are complete units and hence there is little installation expense. Comes in a wide variety of colors to fit any kitchen decor. Fiberglass insulation used throughout all cabinets. From Sub-Zero Freezer Co., Dept. AB, P. O. Box 2017, Madison, Wisc.

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Adjusts to any pitch. Uses ladder side rails for extra support. 24 lbs. a pair.

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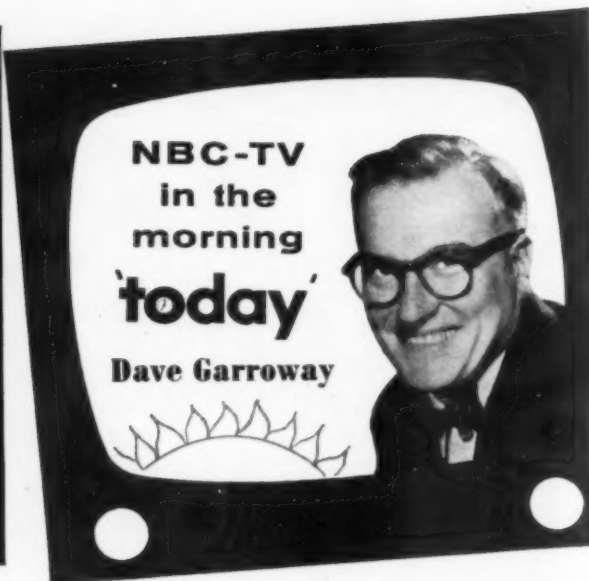
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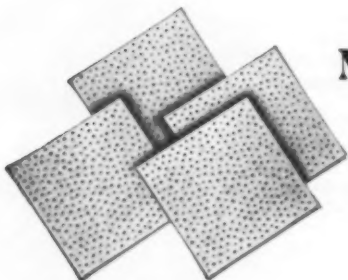


Stars known and welcomed by millions—topnotch shows of established popularity—help you sell the features that people want most in their homes today! What are

those features? First—year-round comfort, savings on heating and air conditioning costs. Second—a quiet, restful home with no noise nuisance.

Balsam-Wool insulation with reflective liners

Balsam-Wool sealed insulation with reflective liners is an ideal insulation for the air conditioned home—or any home. This new product was especially developed for air conditioning economy...greater summer and winter comfort. Exclusive spacer flanges position the blanket for maximum efficiency...allow proper air spaces on each side of the blanket. Balsam-Wool sealed blanket insulation is sold under a money-back attic guarantee.



Nu-Wood random drilled acoustical tile

Another big, new product to meet today's demand is Nu-Wood random-drilled acoustical tile. This predecorated, light reflective tile helps create a pleasing, over-all pattern when used on ceilings or walls...brings beauty as well as noise-quieting into the home. The full-random pattern lends a smart, yet practical, touch to your homes.

And the joints are *all-purpose* for quick, easy, 4-way application—you can use Nu-Wood clips, staples, nails or adhesive.

helps you sell quality homes



Sells home-buying prospects on the features they want most

Balsam-Wool sealed insulation with reflective liners fits the ever-growing demand for home comfort and savings—because research has demonstrated that a properly insulated home can be heated or air conditioned for as little as \$12.00 per month.

Nu-Wood random drilled acoustical tile—beautiful, efficient—is especially designed to take the nuisance out of noise. Both these nationally advertised products are now brought into homes throughout the country through the medium of network television!

How YOU can benefit

Balsam-Wool insulation with reflective liners and Nu-Wood random drilled acoustical tile are sold only by lumber dealers. See *your* lumber dealer now. Ask him about attractive, eye-appealing displays that help sell *your* prospects, and about TV posters you can use

in selling homes to today's quality-minded market. Let Balsam-Wool® and Nu-Wood® help you have a better, brighter, more profitable 1957!

Wood Conversion Company, Dept. 118-37. First National Bank Building, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.



TWO GREAT PRODUCTS FOR THE BUILDING INDUSTRY



"And—our dream house is being
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No question about it—dream homes quickly become realities in these days of modern thinking and living. Alert builders provide the best in home insulation with the *least dollar expenditure*, by using materials faced with REFLECT-O-RAY. Millions of tiny, polished aluminum flakes, permanently bonded to tough, durable backing paper reflect summer's

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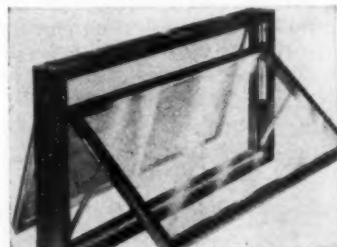
WINDOWS AND DOORS



Double hung window has removable sash

A new double hung window with a removable sash has just been introduced. The "Easy Out" window is said to be much easier to operate than other similar models. The sash are held securely in place by a spring loaded channel in the left jamb and a unique locking bar on the right. Merely pressing a tab on the sash rail releases both sash. Other features include weather-stripping and adjustable spring action. More and complete information available from Etling Window Company, AB, Barberton, Ohio.

Circle No. 3083 on reply card, p. 134.



Multi-purpose window combines durability, beauty

Plastivent combines the long lasting qualities of plastic frames and the beauty of wood sashes. This ventilating window unit may be used individually or combined with any Plyco View Unit to provide pleasing window walls. Outstanding engineering feature of all units is that there is one universal frame design. Basic unit includes plastic frame set up with toxic-treated ponderosa pine one-lite sash installed with all hardware applied. For more complete information write Plyco Corp., AB, Elkhart Lake, Wisc.

Circle No. 3084 on reply card, p. 134.

Should *you* go in for house "trade-ins"?

*Gold Bond's new booklet,
"Plain Facts About Trade-In Housing,"
may help you decide*

MANY BUILDERS TODAY are finding they can sell more new homes by taking old ones in trade. It's a significant trend . . . and it may be something that will help boost your own sales volume.

Frankly, we don't know if you should trade or not. But we do think you ought to know more about it.

Just how big is the trade-in market? What is its potential? Are house "trade-ins" the next step for you?

To answer these and other important questions for you National Gypsum Company asked independent architectural editor John Peter to prepare a comprehensive study of "trade-in" housing. It is based on interviews with builders and building experts across the country. And we offer you a copy of this booklet free, because we believe it will be helpful to you in your own business.



In this book you'll find answers to such questions as:

When should you begin to consider trades?

What local conditions offer you the best chances for success with trade-ins?

Who are your best customers likely to be?

What are the advantages (and obstacles) in trade-ins?

The booklet contains typical agreements other builders are using, plus examples of successful advertising they've run, leaflets and mailing pieces that have worked well for them.

"Plain Facts About Trade-In Housing" is written for builders considering trade-ins . . . and for those who already are taking houses in trade. Any person or firm in the building industry is entitled to a copy of this informative booklet. **TO GET YOURS, SIMPLY FILL IN THE COUPON BELOW AND DROP IN THE MAIL.**

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This home—properly engineered with aluminum-clad insulation—is heated and air conditioned for less than \$12.00 a month

Because adequate insulation surfaced with ALCOA® Aluminum was in the building specs, this 1273-sq-ft home in Toledo is heated and air conditioned today for less than \$12.00 a month.

Built by Scholz Homes, Inc., Toledo, Ohio, it is a fine example of "comfort engineering." Solar orientation, shade trees, correct roof overhang—all contribute to the remarkable results possible with adequate aluminum-clad insulation.

And important to builders, this year-round-comfort selling feature means a smaller furnace and a smaller air-conditioning unit—equipment costs are at least 25% lower when you install adequate aluminum-clad insulation.

For proof, attend the ALCOA Insulation Show when it appears in your area. Live entertainment that dram-

atizes the findings of recent ALCOA-sponsored research, the show is appearing in the thirty cities listed below.

ALCOA's new book about insulation, *Comfort Everybody Can Afford*, contains valuable information that will help you sell better houses—faster. Return the coupon and we'll be happy to send you a copy.

Alcoa does not make insulation of any kind. It makes ALCOA Aluminum Foil, which many manufacturers use to produce several types of insulation.

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The Suburbanite
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Strauss Bros. of Lincoln, Nebraska aimed for quick sales. And Roto-Glo quiet switches helped them roll up a record!

Strauss specified Roto-Glo, not only because it's a top-quality switch, but because the largest national advertising and merchandising campaign in wiring device history pre-sold their home-buying public on Roto-Glo. And for only a few cents more per switch, Roto-Glo gives a touch of luxury in every room. Whisper quiet, glow-in-the-dark knobs, Roto-Glo is designed for quick, economical installations.

Here are some of the P&S merchandising aids Strauss Bros. used to cash in on Roto-Glo popularity. Eye-catching mobiles, display cards, and switch tags... all were used to tie in Strauss Bros. homes and P&S advertising.

To learn how you can cash in on Roto-Glo advertising... for your FREE supply of merchandising aids, see your wholesaler or write us direct to Dept. AB-8.



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WINDOWS & DOORS

Golden hardware highlight of doors

Golden hardware is featured on all models of residential and industrial overhead doors by Ridge Door Co. Golden hardware is heavy gauge steel which is zinc chromate plated to prevent corrosion by climatic conditions. This system of plating was successfully developed for the U. S. Navy for protection of marine hardware. Hardware not only adds strength and durability but also is decorative for any style door. More information obtainable from Ridge Door Co., Dept. AB, Drawer 213, Monmouth Junction, N.J.

Circle No. 3085 on reply card, p. 134.



Closet door offers both beauty and ventilation

A closet door unit that both beautifies and ventilates is offered by Yetter. Comes in two functional designs: the "Bypassing" sliding door and the "Slide-N-Fold". Both are available in six panel-texture variations as well as six color choices. All types provide free-flow ventilation that reduces mildew and moisture. Doors come complete and ready to use and are made with 18 opening sizes. Yetter, Dept. AB, P. O. Box 505, Savannah, Ga.

Circle No. 3086 on reply card, p. 134.

Addition in hardware with olive knuckle hinge

New type olive knuckle hinge is as inexpensive and easy to install as a butt hinge. Right or left hand hinges available in various finishes for interior or exterior doors. Fixed hinge pin which rotates within nylon bushing. Soss Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, P. O. Box 38, Harper Station, Detroit 13, Mich.

Circle No. 3087 on reply card, p. 134.

they came,



they saw...



they
concurred!

Caesar couldn't have been thinking of KitchenAid back in 48 B.C., when he said, "I came, I saw..." but his words describe the feelings of today's home buyers when they see a new house with a built-in KitchenAid Dishwasher.

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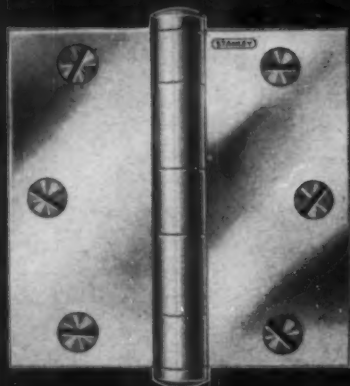
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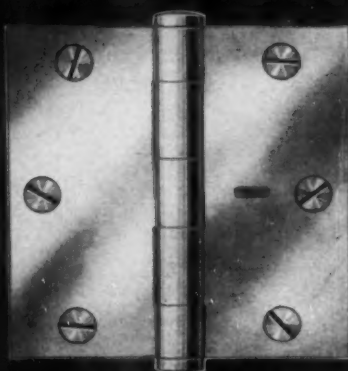
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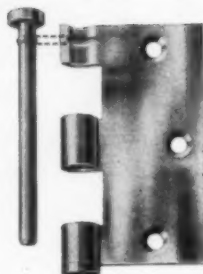


Leader in the Low-Priced Field

More lasting value in your homes

Stanley's famous 241 hinge now has a pin that is *guaranteed not to rise*. For removal, the pin must be tapped out through the patented hole in the bottom tip.

It's another example of Stanley leadership, another reason why more builders insist on Stanley hinges than on any other make.



Check Stanley hinges against comparable items made by anyone, anywhere in the world.

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Whether they're new or 25 years old, the leaves of all Stanley hinges of the same size and type are always perfectly interchangeable.

REMEMBER...  THREE HINGES TO A DOOR

Send for your free copy of Stanley's 1957 Hinge Guide.
Write Stanley Hardware, 103 Lake St., New Britain, Conn.

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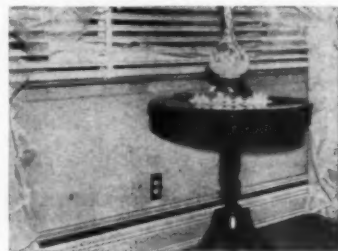
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This famous trademark distinguishes over 20,000 quality products of The Stanley Works—hand and electric tools • drapery, industrial and builders hardware • door controls • aluminum windows • metal parts • coatings • steel and steel strapping—made in 24 Stanley plants in the United States, Canada, England and Germany

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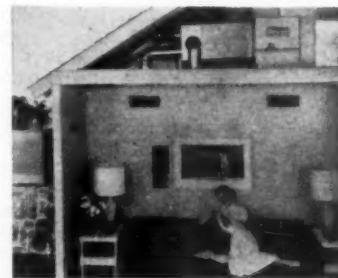
HEATING, VENTILATING, A/C



Heating efficiency provided with less cost

The standard residential baseboard line has been expanded to include new Trimline "Electric" baseboard. This Electric Baseboard provides the same heating efficiency as steam or hot water without the expense of a fuel tank, piping, blower or chimney, hence costs for a central heating system are reduced. Also eliminates smoke, soot or wall smudges. Electric Trimline is equipped with two heating elements automatically controlled for economy operation. Can be painted to blend with walls. More complete information from Vulcan Radiator Co., Dept. AB, Hartford, Conn.

Circle No. 3088 on reply card, p. 134.



Weathermaker takes little space, cuts costs

"Climate-Balanced" unit just introduced is the latest advance in all-electric heating and cooling. The small indoor unit, little larger than a room air conditioner, can do entire job of year-round air conditioning for the home. This heat pump is engineered for high efficiency over the range of normal winter and summer use in order to cut operating cost. Also designed to reduce first cost and permit wide choice of installation possibilities. Carrier Corp., Dept. AB, Syracuse 1, N. Y.

Circle No. 3089 on reply card, p. 134.



Every level of light . . . from dark to full bright . . . with LUXTROL



"...most talked-about feature!"

"...fascinates home-buyers!"

"...helps sell new homes!"

—that's what builders are saying about LUXTROL Light Control

From all parts of the country, builders write that LUXTROL is making a big hit with home-buyers . . .

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Rolling Ridge Homes, Northport Village, Long Island "... prospective buyers are most fascinated by LUXTROL. They love the idea of dialing any degree of light they want—from a dim glow to complete brightness! . . . really helping to merchandise houses!"

Ernest Widmer, Builder, Daytona Beach, Florida "LUXTROL Light Controls help sell homes because they're trouble-free, economical to purchase and operate, and they provide easy selection of light levels for any occasion . . ."

H. C. Roberts & Sons, Anaheim, California "Our Electric-Living Home includes all the latest products . . . the unequalled flexibility of light provided by LUXTROL is definitely outstanding. It gives the homeowners light for every mood and every seeing need."

Use LUXTROL in your new homes . . .
as an exciting extra

Take a tip from these successful builders. Install LUXTROL and show off your new homes in their *best* light. It adds that final, ultramodern touch home-buyers really go for!

Plan to cash in on all these LUXTROL advantages: *Versatility* . . . ideal for any room . . . fluorescent and incandescent lighting. *Ease of installation* . . . simply replaces ordinary wall switches. *Safety* . . . a precision-built, cool operating auto-transformer, not a rheostat.

The moderate cost of LUXTROL makes it a natural for homes in every price range. Contact your electrical contractor or mail the coupon today.

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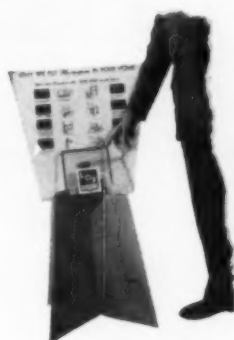
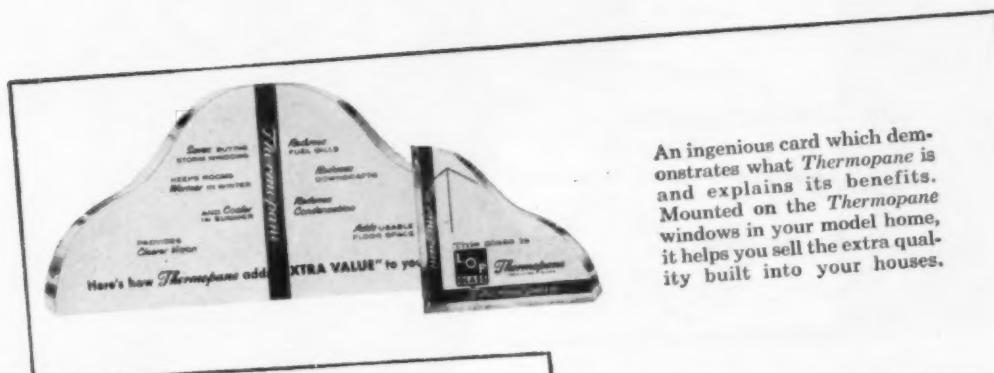


- Exciting ads that show prospective home buyers looking at model homes with windows of *Thermopane*® insulating glass.
- These full-color, full-page ads will appear in the top national magazines . . . the ones builders tell us are most influential with prospective buyers.
- Each ad tells your prospects that there are NO STORM SASH TO BUY, put up, take down, wash and store. And they point out the extra comfort and savings when your home is glazed with *Thermopane* insulating glass.



Thermopane
INSULATING GLASS

for your model home promotion



Attractive floor display includes an actual sample of *Thermopane*, tells and illustrates at a glance the "extra value" *Thermopane* adds to your home.



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KENTILE® vinyl asbestos tile

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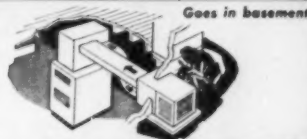
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Installs Anyplace

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ZONE-SYSTEM INSTALLATION in \$35,000 to \$40,000 home development. One of a 20-home development in Whispering Oaks Addition, Houston, where multiple units of Vornado B-200 and B-350 air conditioners were used for zone-system cooling. Highly praised by Joseph L. Johnson, the builder, Vornado will be used in 34 of their homes now under development. Equipment was installed by Stahl-Myers Air Conditioning Company, Houston, Texas, and represents only one of many such multiple installations which the dealer has been successful in obtaining with Vornado.



SINGLE-UNIT INSTALLATION in \$14,000 to \$15,500 project. One of three models which produced a 4-month sell-out in a 500-home project in Fleetwood Park, N. J., built by Saul Cantor and Paul Goldman. Eight-room house is of split-level design with four bedrooms and features an all-electric kitchen, playroom, and full basement. Vornado Central Air Conditioning was offered as optional and contributed greatly to successful sales impact, according to the builders.

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Catalogs . . .

LUMBER PROTECTION against decay, termites and fire in a single treatment depicted in this eight-page booklet from Du Pont on CZC or CZC-copperized preservatives. Advantages of the chromated zinc chloride applications plus photos of actual usage, test results, cost saving and other details all explained. More complete information from E. I. Du Pont De Nemours & Co., Grasselli Chemicals Dept., Dept. AB, Wilmington, Del.

Circle No. 3090 on reply card, p. 134.

EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND, comprehensive 32-page full color manual provides a practical, workable guide for all users of protective coatings. Contains information and recommendations on specific coatings needed to protect practically any rustable metal surface. More than a catalog, the Rust-Oleum 1957 Coatings Manual is actually a treatise highlighting the stopping and preventing of rust. More information from Rust-Oleum Corp., Dept. AB, 2799 Oakton St., Evanston, Ill.

Circle No. 3091 on reply card, p. 134.

THREE PLASTIC COMPOUNDS for joining, cladding, and surfacing masonry materials presented in a brochure by Permagile Corp. These materials are described as the first products in construction history capable of welding such materials with a bond stronger than the masonry itself. The two-color pamphlet discusses properties, product uses and gives application instructions. Permagile Corp. Dept. AB, 37-23 Thirty-third St., Long Island City 1, N.Y.

Circle No. 3092 on reply card, p. 134.

SPECTRUM COLOR LINE of Lamin-Art decorative laminated plastics is described in a colorful folder by Fabiricon Products. More than thirty-four different color reproductions of Lamin-Art patterns and colors appear. Seventy-five patterns and twenty-two sheet sizes are available. Information includes application illustrations and various uses of Lamin-Art. More complete information from Fabiricon Products, Dept. AB, 64-30 East Slauson Ave., Los Angeles 22, Calif.

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New capacity!

The completely new Forward Control 'Jeep' FC-150—the first time a 4-wheel-drive Truck has so effectively combined maximum cargo capacity with exceptional maneuverability! New Forward Control design puts a 74" pickup box on an 81" wheelbase. And the FC-150 retains famous 'Jeep' ruggedness and versatility.



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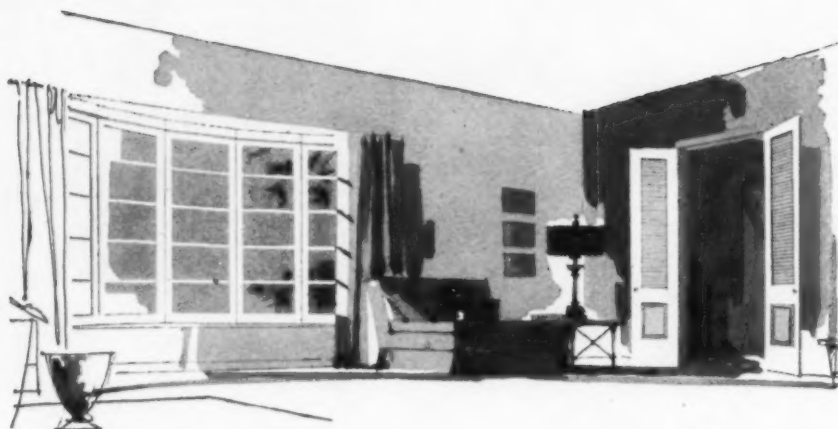


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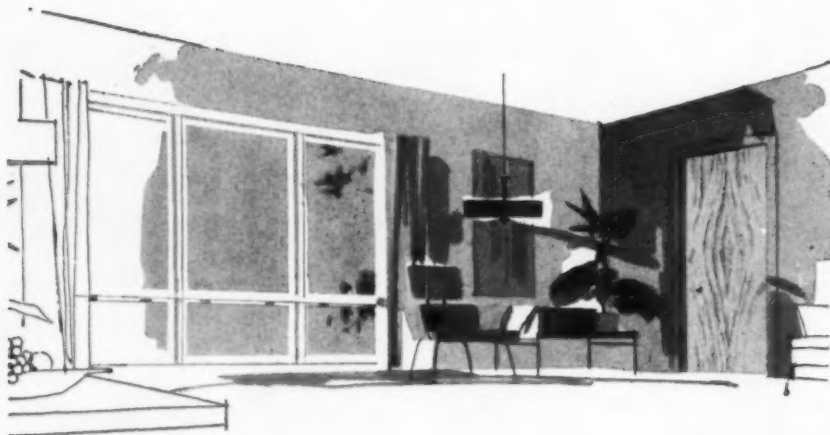
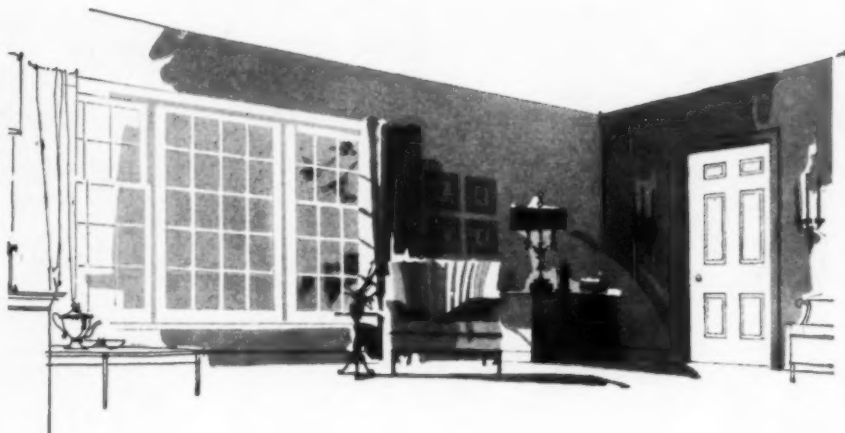


CASUAL

The Curtis Bow window—made up of stock Silentite casement sash, hardware, screens and insulating glass—gives a different look to this interior. Other sash styles are available, too. Your Curtis dealer will give you full information. Popular Curtis louvre doors make a hit with owners—are available in different styles and sizes.

TRADITIONAL

Silentite double-hung windows—famous for their weather-tightness and operating ease—come as complete units, ready to install in any wall opening. Curtis identifies all Silentite double-hung windows with the name "Silentite" on the check rail of the upper sash. This is proof positive that the windows are Silentite—helps to sell the quality of your homes. The Curtis panel door shown is one of many styles of distinctive entrances and doors.



MODERN

Curtis Silentite Convertible windows can be stacked in width and height to fit any wall area. They offer more than 1000 different combinations and can be used as casements, awning windows, fixed sash, and window walls. Curtis New Londoner hollow-core flush doors are all wood—won't warp or sag—come with beautiful face panels in several natural woods. Wrapped with each door is the Curtis guarantee—a big selling point for builders.

People want homes that are different CURTIS woodwork helps you plan them!



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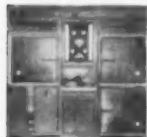
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Here's a check list that will readily answer your questions on how Revco provides modern architects with ideal kitchen designs.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Color | Stainless steel, antique copper and wood finishes plus custom matched colors. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrangement | Horizontal or vertical freezer and refrigerator or in multiples or the new undercounter freezer. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Models | 8.4 moist-cold refrigerator—5.7 freezer—8.1 ice maker refrigerator. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity | A typical vertical or horizontal installation of freezer and refrigerator gives 14.1 cu. ft. of storage space. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dimensions | Designed to fit standard cabinet installations, 3' modules, 24" deep. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Installation | Separate units make Revco easiest to install in kitchens of any design. |
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Catalogs . . .

PLASTER-WELD, a new bonding agent, permanently bonds, plasters or cements to any sound surface. This material is described in literature available from Larsen Products Corp. Plaster-Weld may be sprayed, brushed or rolled on. Surface may be damp or dry. Information given on application, and on unusual features, such as its adhesive strength. Folder available from Larsen Products Corp., Dept. AB, 4934 Elm St., Bethesda, Md.

Circle No. 3094 on reply card, p. 134.

ATTRACTIVE COLORS that please the eye and offer a harmonious background for home furnishing are shown on a color card issued by Arco Co. Alkyd ripple texture wall finish cuts painting time in half because it covers in one coat. Ripple Texture is easily and quickly applied. Hides taped joints and small surface imperfections, and dries fast to help speed completion of interior decoration. Arco Co., Dept. AB, 7301 Bessemer Ave., Cleveland 27, Ohio.

Circle No. 3095 on reply card, p. 134.

"PAINTS, EMULSIONS AND COATINGS" is the title of a new folder published by the Philip Carey Mfg. Co. This comprehensive folder contains concise information on roofing and dampproofing products. Gives descriptions of eight different kinds of roofing and dampproofing materials to fit every maintenance and repair purpose. Available from Philip Carey Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, Lockland, Cincinnati 15, Ohio.

Circle No. 3096 on reply card, p. 134.

TWENTY-FOUR WOOD TONES which enhance and preserve the beauty of wood are presented in a strikingly colorful brochure. The new tone wood base, similar to natural wood stain, is combined with one or more of the fifteen tubes of colorants in the Custom Color system to produce any of the desired delicate pastel shades. The type and grain of the wood used determines the resulting appearance. Proper procedure is outlined. Minnesota Paints, Inc., Dept. AB, 1101 3rd St. South Minneapolis, Minn.

Circle No. 3097 on reply card, p. 134.



New Saws designed
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On-the-job tests prove new B&D Saws outcut, outperform, outlast other builder saws—with power to spare!

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Here's your opportunity to cash in on both new home construction and remodeling this Spring. Stock and display nationally advertised Brown's Super Cedar closet lining—and there'll be CASH in your till!

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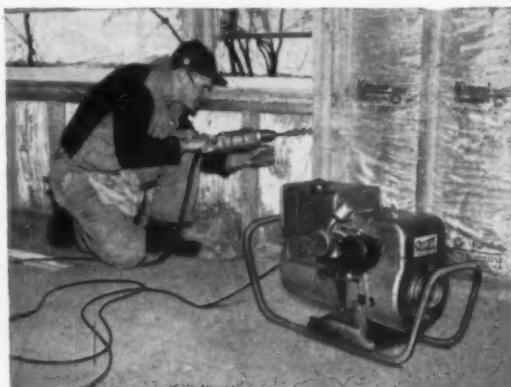


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Catalogs . . .

HOW TO PAINT concrete floors is the subject of a pamphlet from Medusa Masonry. Step-by-step procedure is outlined and illustrated as well as suggestions for the right paints for the right masonry job. From Medusa Masonry Paints, Dept. AB, Attn. R. Henry, Court Square Building, Baltimore, Md.

Circle No. 3098 on reply card, p. 134.

SPECIAL BOOKLET describing the 1957 House & Garden colors which are available in a set of thirty-six 6" color reference discs may be obtained from Decorator Plastics Co. The three dimensional plastic color "swatches" are especially created to aid decorators and designers in the pre-selection of matching and contrasting colors. Available from Decorator Plastics Co., Dept. AB, P. O. Box 218, Toledo 6, Ohio.

Circle No. 3099 on reply card, p. 134.

OVER TWO HUNDRED commercially available finish systems were tested and screened and the results are listed in a four page data sheet. This information on natural exterior finishes for redwood has been issued by the California Redwood Assn. Includes data on bleaches, pigmented stains, stain-and-clear combinations and clear finishes. From Service Library, California Redwood Assn., Dept. AB, 576 Sacramento St., San Francisco 11, Calif.

Circle No. 3100 on reply card, p. 134.

SHOWER CABINETS with metal doors eliminate the annoyance of wet floors, soaked bath mats and curtain laundry. With these all-steel construction doors, no curtain is required. Among features described in catalog material are the lasting high gloss baked enamel finish and the interchangeable side panels for right or left installation. Complete information from W. F. Norman Sheet Metal Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, Nevada, Mo.

Circle No. 3101 on reply card, p. 134.

ROOF AND FLOOR REPAIR materials are covered in a capsulized bulletin by The Surface Protection Co. Information given on their complete line of floor patching and resurfacing materials, roofing compounds, and masonry coatings. Detailed data sheets on each item. Surface Protection Co., Inc., Dept. AB, 16799 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 12, Ohio.

Circle No. 3102 on reply card, p. 134.



Pegs are popular

Here's a popular-priced version of always-appealing pegged oak flooring. The walnut pegs of this Bruce Ranch Plank Floor are inserted at the factory. The beautiful finish is factory-applied, too, for economy and durability. Alternating 2¼" and 3¼" strips with beveled edges help capture the appearance of a costly random-width plank floor. Bruce Ranch Plank is laid just like any strip floor.

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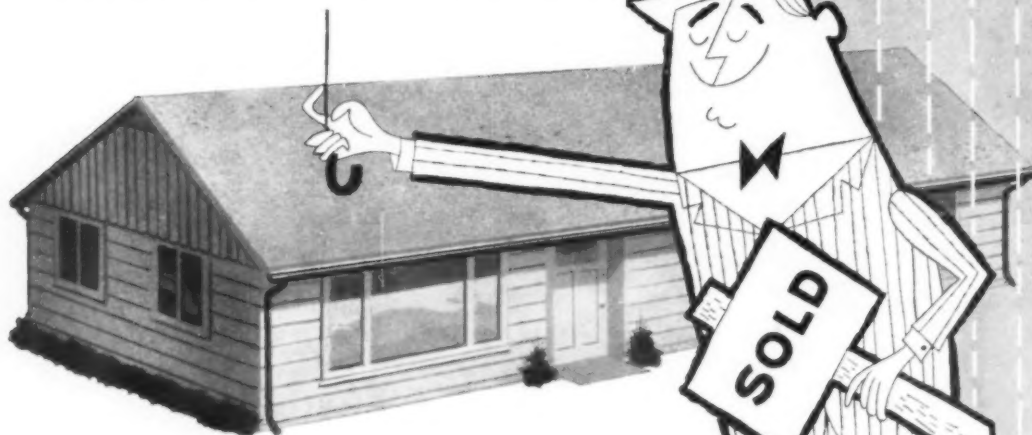


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Naturally Beautiful

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SELLING YOU?



**Rain-carrying equipment costs little
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Hotpoint electronic cooking center!



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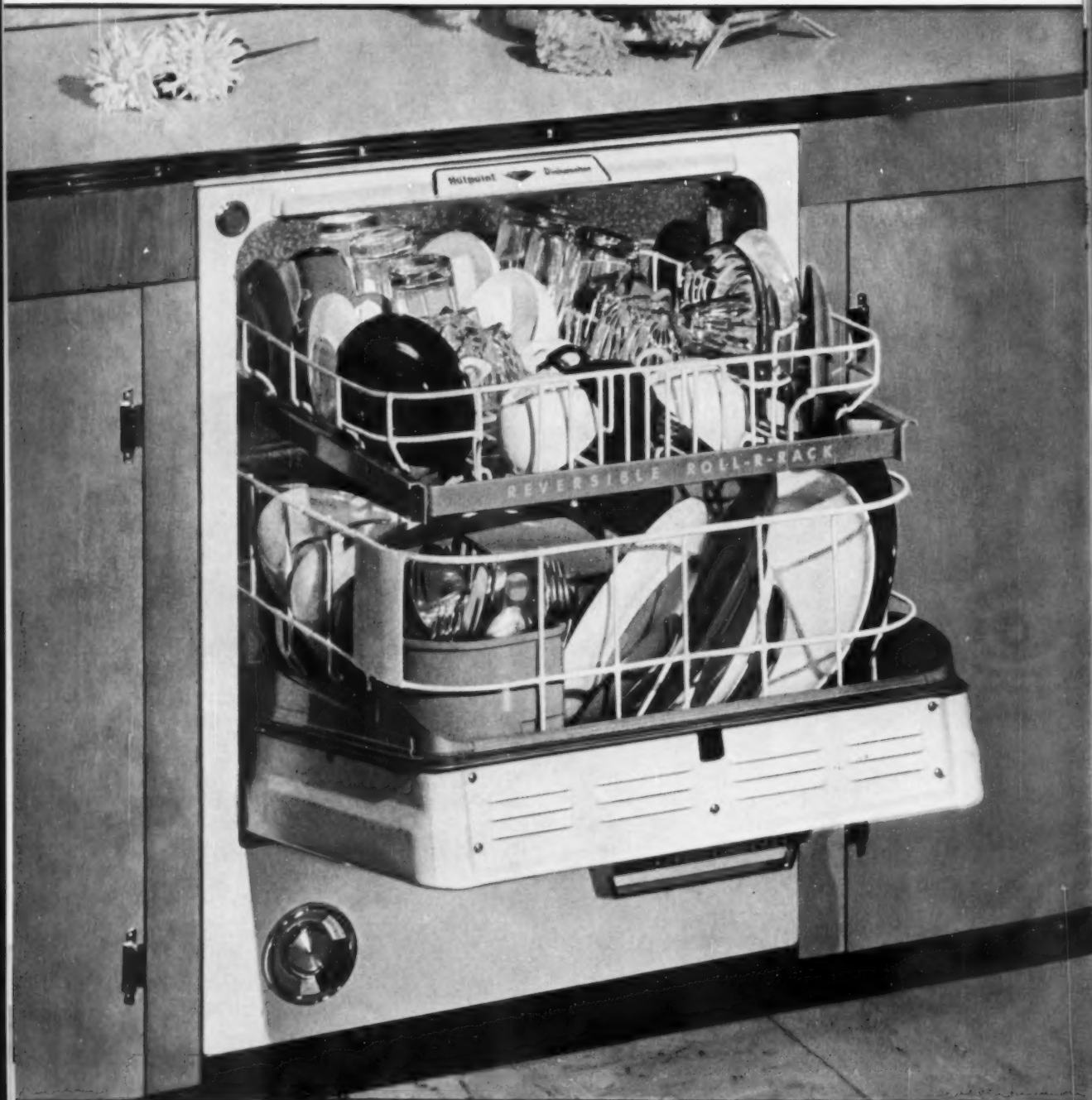
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the Great **Hotpoint** **DISHWASHER**

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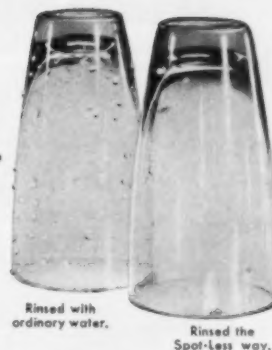
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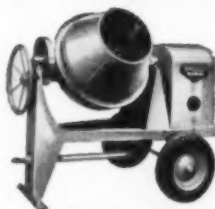


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Circle No. 3103 on reply card, p. 134.

USE OF TRANSLUCENT GLASS is fully covered in a twelve page catalog distributed by Mississippi Glass Co. Material contains detailed information on complete line of decorative, figured glass which is popular in the modern home. Complete installation instructions included. From Mississippi Glass Co., Dept. AB, 88 Angelica St., St. Louis 7, Mo.

Circle No. 3104 on reply card, p. 134.

FACTS ABOUT ACRILAN CARPET fiber are presented in literature from Firth Industries. Lists such features as exceptional wear, beauty and versatility. Included are three samples of Tuftwoven Acrilan broadlooms with a choice of many patterns. Gives detailed information on this fibers' resiliency, maintenance required, and wearing qualities. Available from Firth Industries, Dept. AB, 295 Fifth Ave., New York 16, N.Y.

Circle No. 3105 on reply card, p. 134.

SUPERIOR SIDING and Interior Trim with Appalachian Yellow Poplar is the subject of a seven page brochure recently published by the Appalachian Hardwood Mfg. Inc. Folder contains information on the texture and density, durability, stability, and the ability of Appalachian Yellow Poplar to hold paint. Gives pictures in color, as well as details of construction. From Appalachian Hardwood Mfgs., Inc., Dept. AB, 414 Walnut Street., Cleveland 2, Ohio.

Circle No. 3106 on reply card, p. 134.

CREATING ATMOSPHERE through dimming, brightening and blending light is explained in a catalog from Superior Electric Co. Detailed information included on the complete line of non-interlocking light control equipment. Luxtrol light control provides smooth control, is easy to install and maintain. Information from the Superior Electric Co., Dept. AB, Bristol, Conn.

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Circle No. 3108 on reply card, p. 134.

QUIET ATTIC VENTILATORS are the subject of a new folder by Diehl Mfg. Co. Grouped into three categories; complete information is given on selection and installation, attic ventilator types, and accessories. From Diehl Mfg. Co., Div. of Singer Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, Somerville, N.J.

Circle No. 3109 on reply card, p. 134.

INFORMATIONAL BOOKLET on asphalt curbs and gutters has been issued by the Asphalt Institute. Explains that asphalt curbs and gutters have four distinct advantages over other types. They can be constructed more easily and quickly, more economically, and they give superior service. Complete details on construction are given. The Asphalt Institute, Dept. AB, Asphalt Institute Bldg., Univ. of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

Circle No. 3110 on reply card, p. 134.

CEMENT TOOL LINE is described in full detail in new illustrative catalog pages from Elmo Manufacturing Company. A complete Pony line of equipment including cement finishing trowels, scrubber and grinders is described together with specifications and other details. For complete information and the catalog write to Rex Hagen, Department AB, Elmo Manufacturing Company, Albion, Indiana.

Circle No. 3111 on reply card, p. 134.

FOR BUILDERS, Westinghouse offers a six-page folder introducing a complete line of air conditioning equipment. Folder features a model for every location and for every cooling need. Gives condensed specifications, dimensions. Westinghouse, Air Conditioning Div., Dept. AB, Staunton, Va.

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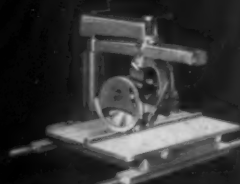
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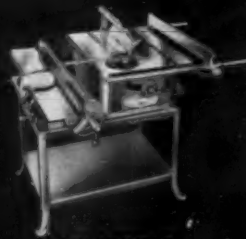
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Circle No. 3113 on reply card, p. 134.

PROTECTIVE PLASTIC COATING which adds to the durability and beauty of cork floors is introduced in literature from Robbins Floor Products, Inc. This protective coating is expected to solve the problem of moisture seeping into cork and causing it to swell. When both sides of the tile are sealed with plastic it is completely protected. Information is given on maintenance and prices. Robbins Floor Products, Inc., Dept. AB, Tuscumbia, Alabama.

Circle No. 3114 on reply card, p. 134.

APPLICATIONS UNLIMITED with a new decorative panel are described in a folder by Kemlite Corp. Patnel, this new material, combines designer patterns and with decorative colors and dramatic translucence, and can be used both indoors and outdoors. Colorfully descriptive folder gives information on patterns, colors, shapes and finishes, strength and maintenance. Kemlite Co., Dept. AB, 101 N. Republic Ave., Joliet, Ill.

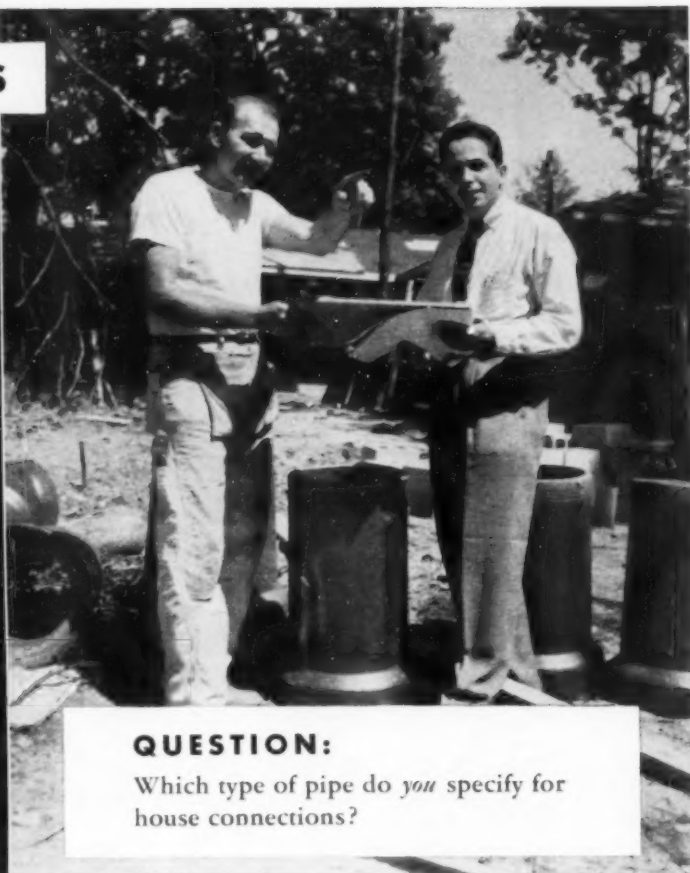
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GLASS FIBER PANEL which is available in a great variety of colors, shapes and sizes is described in a brochure from Shenango Crafts, Inc. Shen-o-lite panels can be produced in any color to harmonize with individual color schemes. Available in corrugated, translucent or opaque types. Features no maintenance costs. Panels are impervious to weathering and acids. More complete information is obtainable by writing to Shenango Crafts, Inc., Dept. AB, West Middlesex, Pa.

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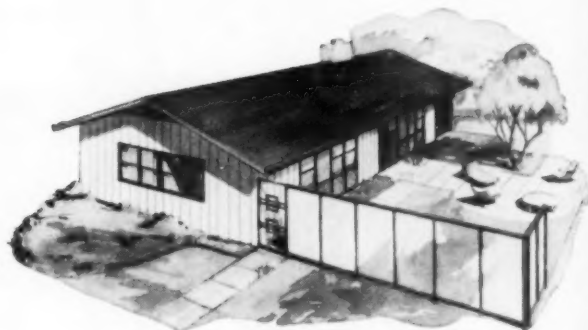
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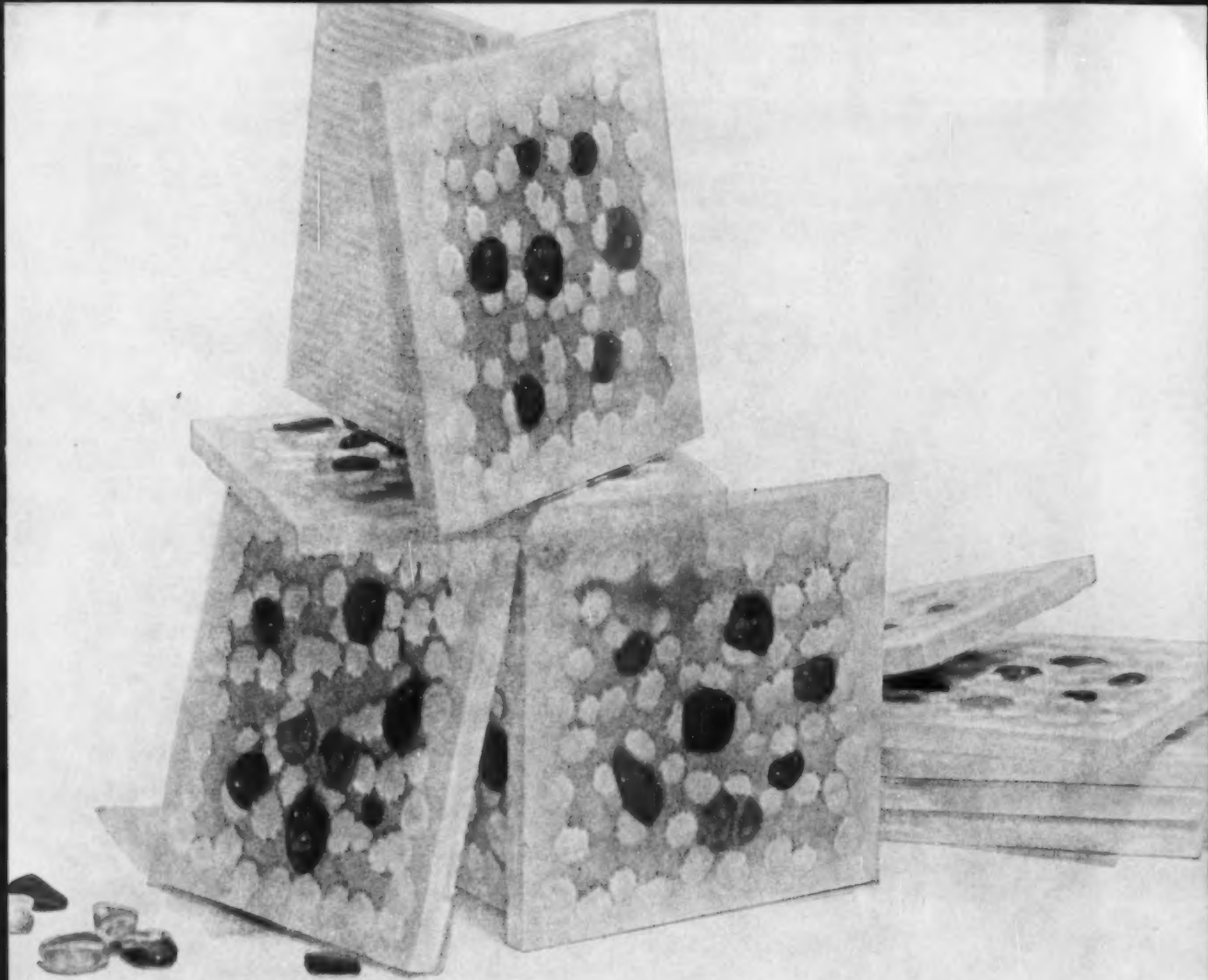
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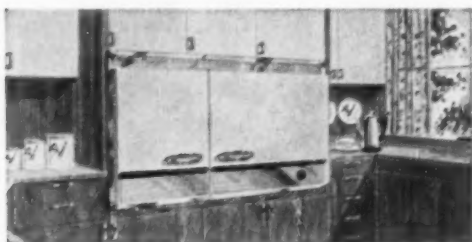


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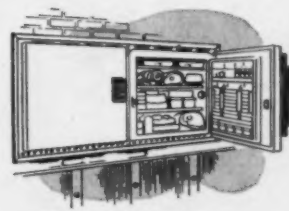
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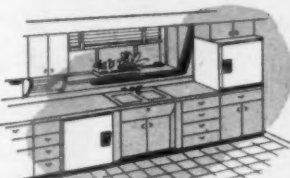
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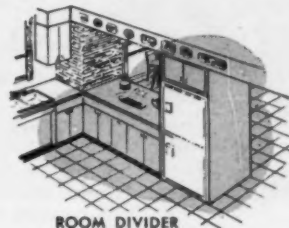
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NEW F-600 2-tonner has higher horsepower and more rugged chassis construction. More payload capacity than any other 2-tonner.

New '57 Fords

More modern...in more ways ...to cut your costs!

Boldly modern! That's the *big* news in Ford trucks for '57. Modern styling outside—modern engineering through and through. They're the most *efficient* trucks Ford has ever built—engineered to cut your costs.

Look at Ford's new pickup with its smart-looking Styleside body—*standard at no extra cost*. Its fresh new design is functional—provides easier side loading . . . gives you the biggest body in the half-ton field.

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And every engine—V-8 or Six—has the cost-cutting efficiency of modern Short Stroke design.

New Driverized Cabs are roomier, more comfortable than ever. And new structural design improvements make these the strongest Ford Cabs ever built.

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One look at these completely new, boldly modern Ford trucks for '57 will make you want to see just what they can do. Get in touch with your Ford Dealer now!



NEW F-350 stake has higher 8.3 to 1 compression ratio standard—V-8 or Six. Chassis improvements include new 3800-lb. capacity front axle.

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NEW riding comfort! A completely new chassis suspension, roomy cabs with increased visibility, greatly improved riding and handling ease.

NEW power advances! New higher horsepower, new freer breathing, new higher compression, new Super-Filter air cleaner. New advancements from camshafts to carburetors. Modern Short Stroke design in every engine—V-8 or Six.

NEW Driverized cabs—completely new—stronger, roomier, smarter! New wider full-wrap windshield. New inboard cab step, new Hi-Dri ventilation, new easy-to-read instrument panel!

NEW chassis strength! New frames, up to 13% stronger. New sturdier axles! New higher capacity, easier riding springs!

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Mr. Ketchum (left) and J. C. Marvin of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, shown here in front of one of Mr. Ketchum's popular College Downs Homes in California's San Fernando Valley.

"Home buyers want concealed telephone wiring"

— says Mr. Russ Ketchum, Builder, of Van Nuys, California

"Here's why home buyers want concealed telephone wiring," says Mr. Ketchum. "They want telephone outlets located as conveniently as electrical outlets, and they want the finished beauty of their rooms preserved, too."

"I'm in business to give people what they want in homes, and today that means concealed telephone wiring along with the many other built-in, ready-to-work conveniences that people

look for. I put concealed wiring and telephone outlets in every home I build. It's good business. It's a sales feature I wouldn't be without."

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1

Dramatic ads in national magazines for women, to promote the most important Woman's Touch of all—Lennox all-season air conditioning!

Women are sold on air conditioning. A survey of *Ladies' Home Journal* readers shows that 88% want it in their homes. These ads in *Vogue*, *McCall's* and *Living for Young Homemakers* sell women on Lennox all-season air conditioning.



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Better-engineered warm-air furnaces and ultra-quiet air conditioning units—127 models in all, one for every home. And this famous equipment is serviced by more than 5600 Lennox Comfort Craftsmen—one right in your community!



... gives you some selling help based on one sales feature, but

you a *complete* program to sell women

... a hard-working, dollar-sound, four-part plan that helps builders
and realtors appeal to women in a new, exciting way!

2

**Compelling national ads with
your name and address to
sell women on seeing your
Woman's Touch homes!**

These convincing ads, in *Woman's Day*, read by over 4,000,000 homemakers, and *Family Circle*, read by over 3,600,000 homemakers—your best prospects—tell them why your homes are truly designed with women in mind.



more families buy

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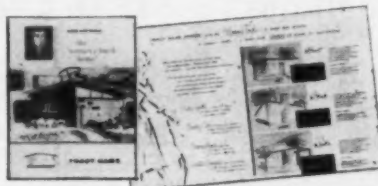
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3

**Big, idea-packed sales
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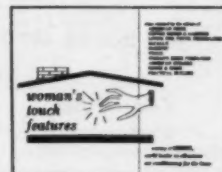


Personalized Tract Brochures

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**A brochure of Woman's Touch home feature ideas
to give your homes extra
sales appeal!**

A world of wonderful ideas, selected by the editors of leading magazines like *Vogue*, *Woman's Home Companion*, *McCall's*, *Living for Young Homemakers*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Parents'* and many others... all yours to use in your model homes.



AND... a national award competition for builders: awards for 10 top home feature ideas! (See coupon.)

— FOR INFORMATION—MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY! —

LENNOX INDUSTRIES INC.
Merchandising Dept. AB-3
Marshalltown, Iowa

Please send me information about the *Woman's Touch* program, including details of the *Woman's Touch* model home promotion package, and your national competition for home-feature idea awards.

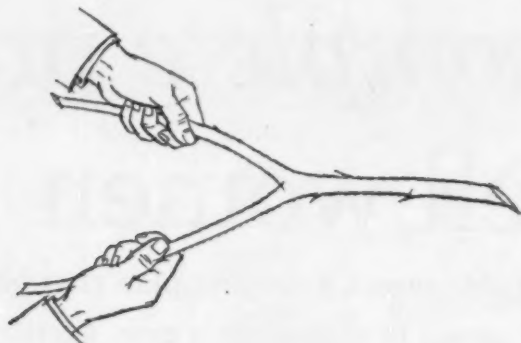
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1 STYLES and FINISHES—Both the Heritage and Hospitality lines are offered in exclusive Shadow-Line styling. Heritage in Nutmeg, Spicebush or new, warm Cinnamon natural. Hospitality in Cinnamon. Holiday cabinets in famed Flo-Line styling, finished in pink, green, yellow, turquoise, white. Colors matched at slight extra cost.

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3 FEATURES and CONSTRUCTION—Within the Kitchen Maid lines, there are more than thirty practical convenience features, any of which are interchangeable in any line. You'll also have the assurance of a lifetime, trouble-free installation because of Kitchen Maid's guaranteed doors and fine furniture-type construction.

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If you're considering a kitchen department, here's the most valuable franchise in the industry! Kitchen Maid is America's fastest-growing line, backed by the oldest distributor organization, oldest manufacturer in the kitchen business!

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Crane plumbing fixtures are designed by famed designer Henry Dreyfuss to look modern years longer. No wonder Crane is America's first choice for design and color.



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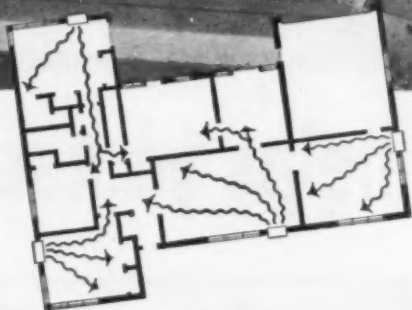
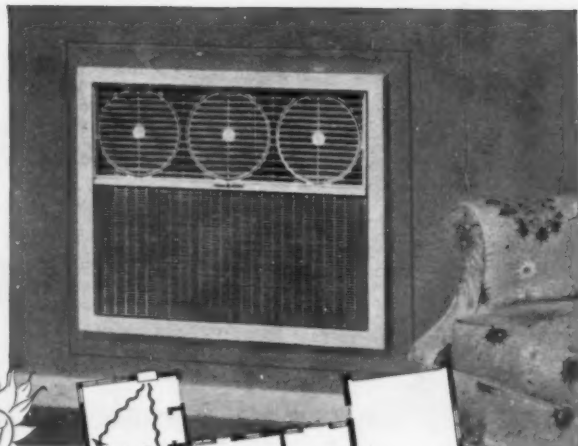
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George B. Rice, contractor, easily installed four General Electric "Built-In" Thinline Air Conditioners during construction of this new house at 2105 New Market Drive, Louisville, Kentucky.



Only four General Electric Thinline automatically air condition 7-room house

"Our client wanted built-in, low-cost, high-capacity air conditioning in this new seven-room house," says George B. Rice, Louisville, Kentucky contractor. "That's why we chose four new General Electric Thinline Air Conditioners."

"We built a 1 hp. unit into the living room, a ¾ hp. unit in the den, a ¾ hp. unit in the master bedroom, and a ½ hp. unit in the children's bedroom. With just the four of them, the whole house stays cool and comfortable."

The owner of a General Electric Thinline doesn't have to pay for cooling he can't use. Each unit has an automatic thermostat. As the sun moves around the house, the un-

needed units turn off and those in the warm rooms go on.

Installed through the wall, there's little overhang inside or out. The new "Built-In" model is easy and quick to put in. Ask your General Electric dealer for complete details. General Electric Company, Room Air Conditioner Dept., Louisville 1, Kentucky.

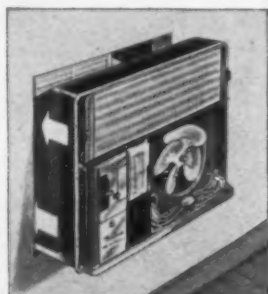
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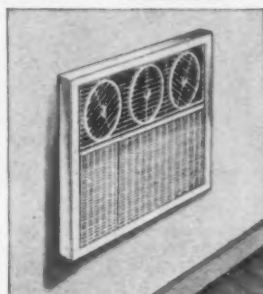
It's simple to install the new General Electric Thinline "Built-In" model



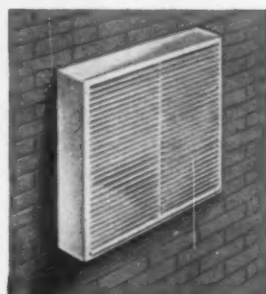
Case is installed during construction—mounts in any kind of wall. Panel protects until building is completed.



Thinline chassis slides into case later. Six screws hold it in place—give you a quick and weather-tight installation.



Add appearance front, air filter grilles. Then plug in. Grille can be painted with 6 spray-on colors to blend with any décor.



On the outside the Thinline's aluminum grille will look smart for years. It's easy to paint it to match exterior.

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Youngstown Kitchens



It's Future-Fashioned!

- ① **New Wall Cabinets.** Furniture-finished hardwood doors on famous Youngstown wall cabinets.
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- ⑥ **Two new Adjustable Built-In Oven Cabinets.** These low priced steel oven cabinets accommodate almost every gas or electric oven.

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- ★ **Shown in Full Color Spreads in Life, May 13, and This Week Magazine, May 19.** 52,760,000 ready-to-buy readers will see these ads, fall in love with MONTEREY, look for it in your homes!
- ★ **Sold in your Local Newspapers under your name!** Yes! 73 Sunday papers across the nation will carry Monterey ads in full color! Get your name in your local listing, now!

TIE IN NOW! FEATURE MONTEREY IN YOUR NEW HOMES. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUNGSTOWN KITCHENS NATION-WIDE PROMOTION.

Contact Your Youngstown Kitchens Distributor Now.



“94 out of 100 buyers chose steel windows”

reports **Harold M. Luvisch, Detroit Builder**



“We went all-out to please our customers when we built Riverbend Estates,” said Mr. Luvisch, vice president of Luvisch Building Corporation. “We gave them quality materials, excellent construction. Large lots in a country setting. Schools, parks and shopping, all close by. And we offered them their choice of *any type* of window. You’ll be interested to know that 94 out of 100 chose steel windows.

“Incidentally, their choice doesn’t surprise me a bit. My father, my brother and I all use steel windows in our own homes.”

Time and again, when given their choice, buyers have overwhelmingly

preferred steel windows. Offer your customers steel windows, and they’ll get these important advantages:

1. Big glass areas for maximum light, views and ventilation.
2. Widest range of designs, from traditional to the latest ranch styles.
3. The smoothest-operating, most damage-resistant windows on the market—windows that won’t swell and stick in wet weather.
4. Windows that can be washed, screened and equipped with storms, all from the inside.

As builder you gain the added benefits of fast, easy, *economical* installation. And, when you use rugged steel win-

dows, you don’t have to put up with the bothersome and expensive damage that so often occurs when you’re working with fragile windows.

Bethlehem Steel Company does not manufacture steel windows, but for many years has supplied the steel-window industry with the solid, specially rolled steel sections that give steel sash its unequalled strength. You’ll find the manufacturers of steel windows listed in Sweet’s File—AIA 17b.

BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY
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GOOD workmanship is one of the most important factors in preventing leaky brick walls.

Good workmanship includes wetting the brick—completely filling the head and bed joints—and back-plastering the face brick.

Expect trouble when dry, absorbent brick are placed in the wall. If their rate of absorption is too high at the time they are laid, they will suck the water out of the mortar too fast, even though the mortar has high water-retaining capacity. The result may be a poor bond, and a leaky wall.

Brixment mortar has high water-retaining capacity. It resists the sucking action of the brick. It stays plastic and workable longer. Brixment mortar therefore provides added protection against excessive absorption—but even when Brixment mortar is used, absorbent brick should still be wetted.

In addition to great plasticity, high water-retaining capacity, and bonding quality, Brixment mortar has great resistance to freezing and thawing, and freedom from efflorescence. Because of this combination of advantages, Brixment is the leading masonry cement on the market.

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LOUISVILLE CEMENT COMPANY, Incorporated, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

***"I've just investigated all the
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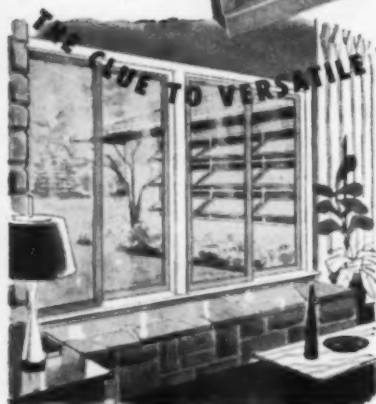
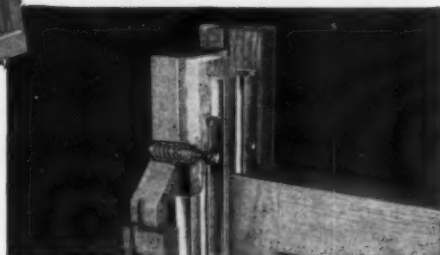


...here's my deduction:

- 1.** The new, **HEAVIER GAUGE** metal slide construction increases window strength and service life . . . promotes smooth, easy sash operation.
- 2.** **IMPROVED SPRING-BOX** design gives better tension control on slides and more accurate set screw adjustment.
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- 4.** Regular Malta features . . . **QUALITY MATERIALS . . . PRECISION CONSTRUCTION . . . CHEMICAL TREATMENT** and instant, inside **SASH REMOVAL** assure fast, economical installation and positive home buyer satisfaction.

Get on the trail of your nearest MALTA dealer right away. Carry out your own investigation. You'll find plenty of evidence to prove that MALTA windows make homes go up faster . . . look better . . . sell easier.

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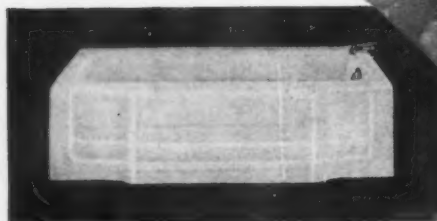
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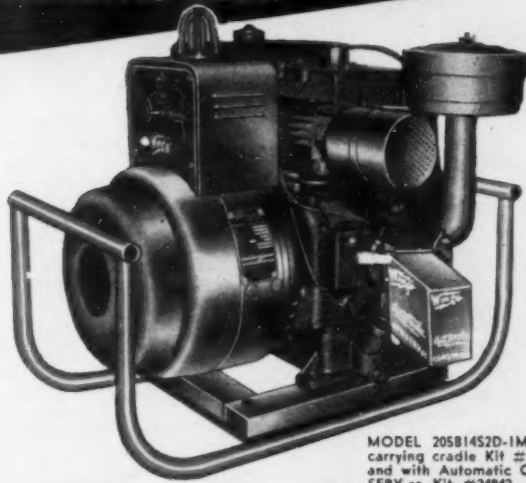
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USE OF MATERIALS
BULLETIN NO. UM-23
JUNE 1, 1956

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SECTION 7. ALUMINUM WINDOWS

b. Design of windows in all details shall be subject to acceptance by the FHA Office and shall equal or exceed the specifications for residential type windows published by the Aluminum Window Manufacturers Association. These specifications (A-1 series) are designated as follows:

Double Hung Window	DH-A1
Casement Window	C-A1
Projected Window	P-A1
Awning Window	A-A1
Sliding Window	DS-A1

c. Section 1 of the AAMA Specifications, except as modified in this bulletin is also a part of the above specifications.

December 4, 1956.

TO: DIRECTORS OF ALL FIELD OFFICES
SUBJECT: ALUMINUM WINDOWS UM-23, SECTION 7

Use of Materials Bulletin No. UM-23, dated June 1, 1956, requires that aluminum windows shall equal or exceed specifications for residential type windows published by the Aluminum Window Manufacturers Association.

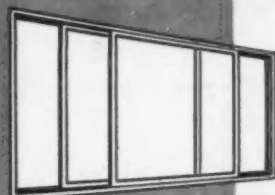
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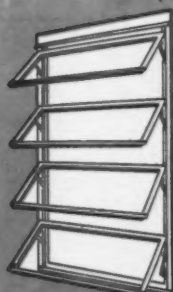
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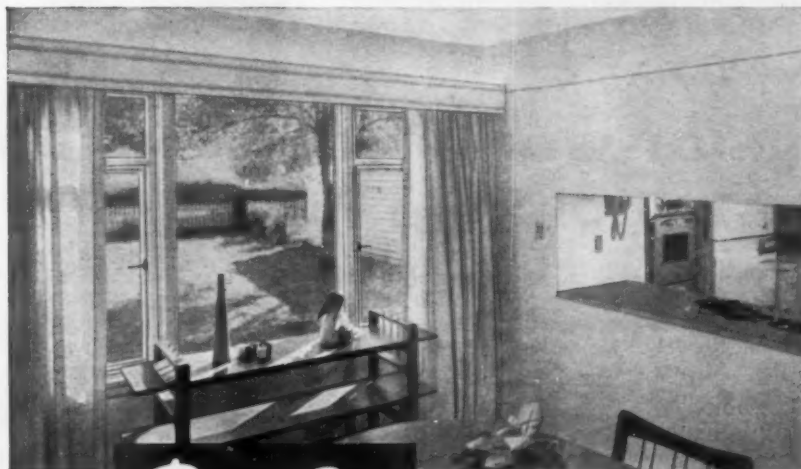


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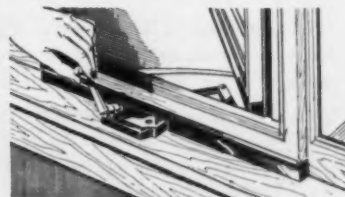
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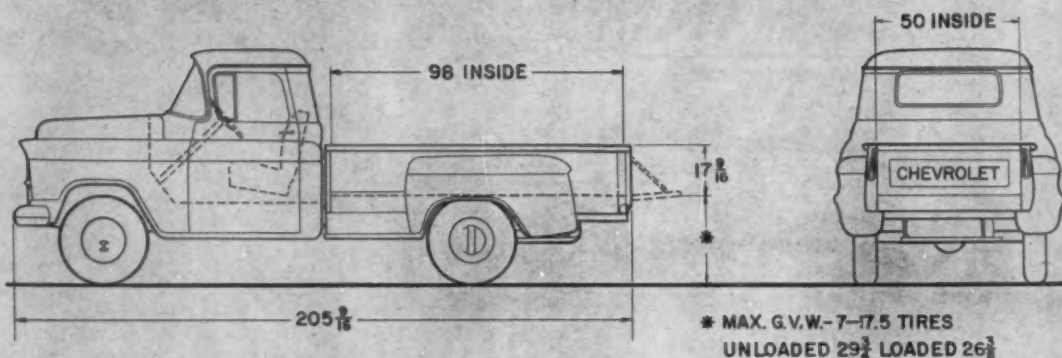
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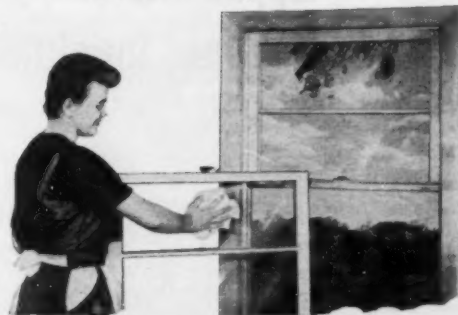
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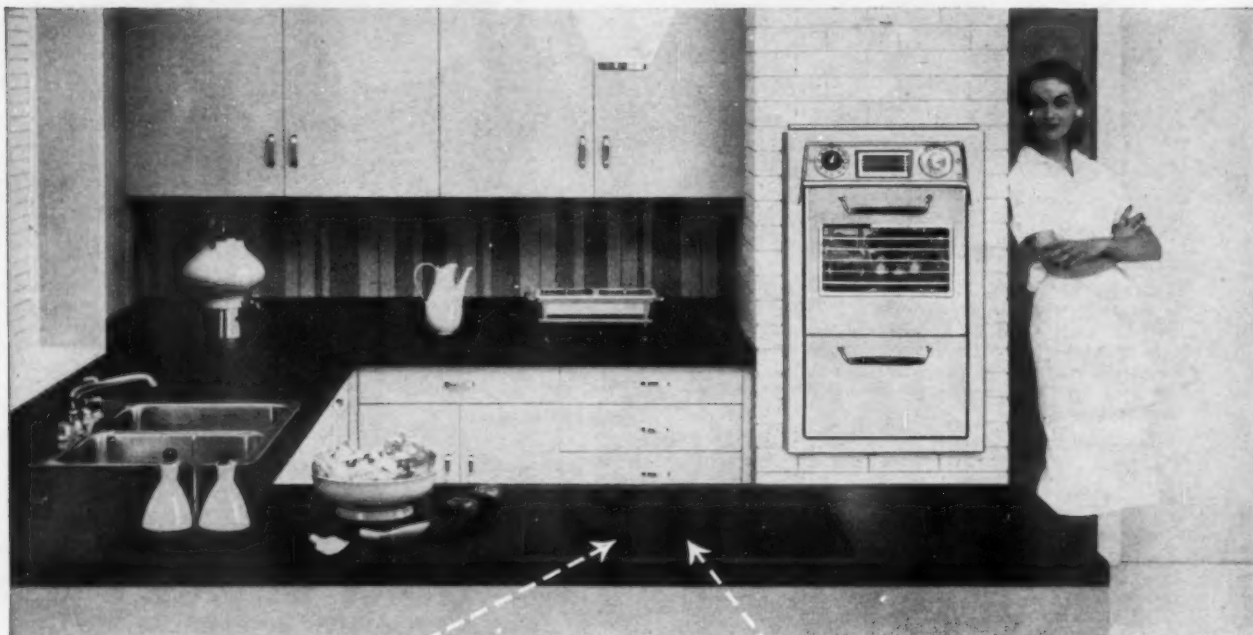
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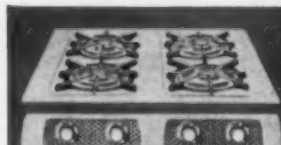
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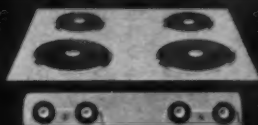


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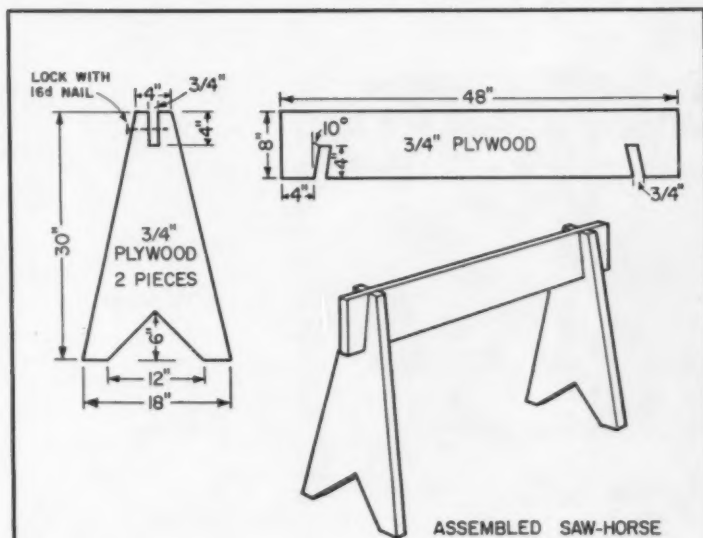
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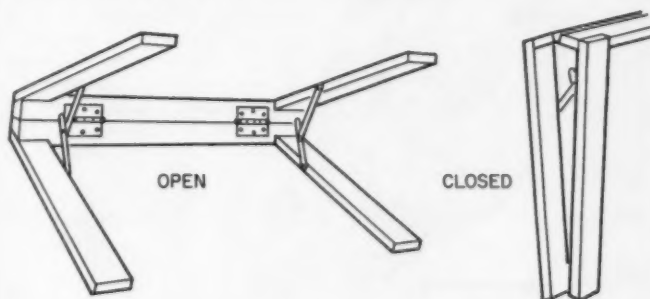
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► The drawing at the top of the page shows a saw horse built from $\frac{3}{4}$ " plycord. It is extremely rigid, yet light, and can be taken apart and folded flat to fit in the back of a truck. A 16d nail is used as a locking pin.

Four horses can be made out of one standard 4x8 sheet of plycord.

E. J. Duston,
Wheat Ridge, Colo.

► The lower drawing shows a horse that folds up in the middle for easy storage or transportation. It does not make as compact a package as the other, but it can be set up more quickly. A pair of butt hinges and a pair of swiveling hinges are used for folding and locking.

S. Clark,
East Bradenton, Fla.

Cornstarch filler

When painting woodwork, you often encounter knotholes or scratches that have not been filled with putty. A box of cornstarch in your toolbox will handle this problem quickly.

Pour a little of the paint into a can, and add cornstarch until the mixture has a stiff, putty-like consistency. Then spread it into the hole to be filled. You can then paint over it immediately, without waiting for it to dry. The filler will not be affected by either time or weather.

H. Josephs, Gardenville, Pa.

Finding buried outlets

The carpenter doesn't live who hasn't at some time or other forgotten himself and covered up a wall outlet with sheetrock or plaster. Here's an easy way of finding it again without tearing down the whole wall.

First, procure a small pocket magnetic compass. Then, cut off a small stick to the same length as the height of the outlet boxes from the floor. As a check, move the compass past an uncovered box, to see how it is affected. Then do the same over a nail, and see how little the needle is deflected.

Then, with this in mind, set the compass on top of the stick so that it is at the right height, and move it along the wall where the missing box was last seen. When the needle jumps, that's the place to dig.

J. G. Caldwell, San Mateo, Calif.

Non-skid hammer handle

Working in cold weather, a carpenter's hands will often get dry and leathery; or perhaps he will work in leather gloves. In either case, a wooden hammer handle will tend to slip out of his hands. This situation can be helped by scoring the hammer handle with diagonal scratches with either a knife or a saw; this will prevent the hammer flying out of hand and braining somebody.

J. A. Lucas, Cicero, Ill.

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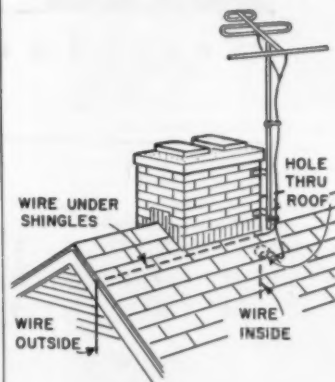
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How to do it better . . .

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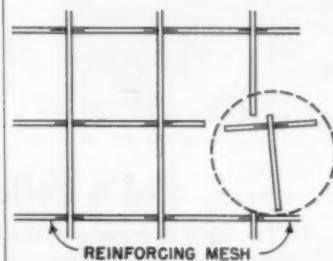
Hiding TV wires

TV antenna lead-in wires are often unsightly when they have to be carried across the top of a roof. The sketch shows two methods of hiding this wire.

If it is desired to bring the wire directly in through the roof, the tab of one asphalt shingle can be lifted, a hole bored in the roof sheathing as high up under the shingle as possible, and the wire drawn through the roof. The shingle should then be fastened down securely with roof cement.

The antenna wire also can be carried across the roof and down the side of the house in much the same way. The wire is tucked up under a whole row of shingles, which are then cemented down.

N. Hanson, Portland, Conn.



Vapor barrier pins

By cutting up wire reinforcing mesh in the manner shown above, you can make T-shaped pins that will be excellent for holding down plastic vapor barrier material prior to pouring the slab or cellar floor. The resultant holes in the barrier will not be large enough to admit a significant amount of moisture.

M. G. Miller, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

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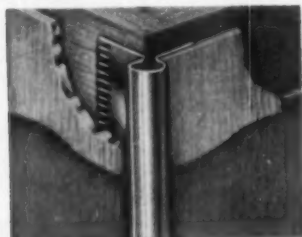
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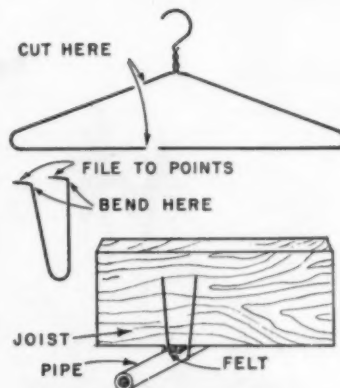
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How to do it better...

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Stop pipe noise

The banging of water pipes is a major nuisance in many houses, and is often caused by nothing more than insufficient pipe support. To remedy this, here is an easy way to make additional supports.

Take a wire coat hanger and cut off a piece of it. Bend the two ends as shown and file them to a point. This support is then hooked around the pipe and nailed into the joist above. As further prevention, try putting a small piece of felt between the pipe and the joist before nailing up the support.

M. Archambault, Chicopee, Mass.

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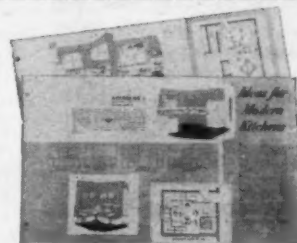
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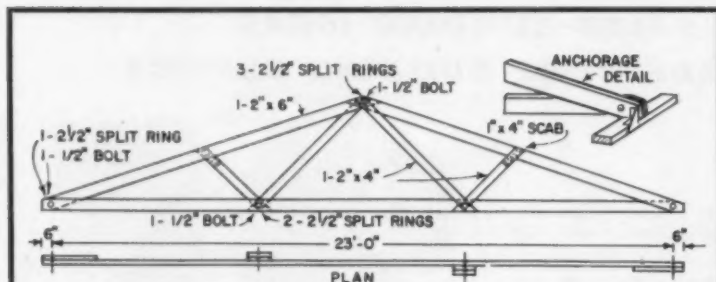
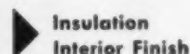
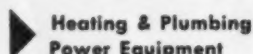
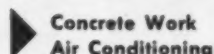
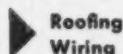
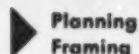
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Split-ring roof trusses

QUESTION: We wish to use 2x4 roof trusses on houses 22' 4"x35' 0". The overall for trusses should be 24' 0". Could you give us a sketch with complete measurements for a roof truss we can use?

Shields & Gale
Coral Gables, Fla.

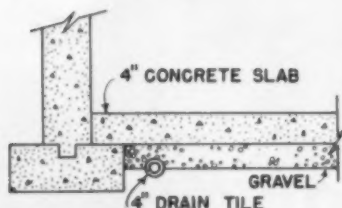
ANSWER: One of the most economical ways to frame the roof of the houses you are planning to build is shown on this sketch.

The truss has been designed for a dead- and live-load combination of 35 pounds per square foot on the roof, dead load of 10 psf ceiling framing.

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Cracked slab result of poor drainage

QUESTION: A basement floor that was poured and finished this spring has now raised up in a few places as high as 3/4 of an inch and there are cracks running out to the edges. The



DRAINAGE

floor was poured in two parts. The main part of the floor was poured a little dry and tamped and then a finish was put on the same day. It was

on about 2 inches of sand and the basement was dug in solid clay ground. The basement does not leak. What is the cause of the trouble and what can be done about it?

L. J. Unnerstall
Washington, Mo.

ANSWER: Your basement is suffering from a poor drainage condition. On a solid clay subgrade, the best practice is to put a layer of 4" to 6" of gravel before pouring the 4" concrete slab. In addition, a ring of drain tile around the inside of the footing leading to a catch basin or to a sump pump, pumping to a sewer, will help keep the water pressure from building up under the slab and causing cracks.

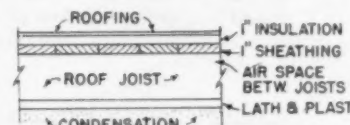
We would recommend the installation of drain tile system, as shown, with a connection to the sewer either through a catch basin or a sump pump.

Eliminating hazard of slippery concrete

QUESTION: Is there any way in which an open concrete porch with four large steps can be protected against ice or snow to prevent the danger of slipping?

Clyde A. Gish
Enterprise, Kan.

ANSWER: The most economical method to eliminate slipping on wet concrete would be to roughen up or chip the top surface of the existing concrete and pour a screed coat over it; then give it a broom finish before it dries. In order to prevent the screed coat from cracking, you can lay a thin wire mesh on the existing slab prior to pouring the screed coat.



CEILING

Causes of ceiling condensation

QUESTION: What causes condensation on ceilings? The house has a flat roof, is fully insulated, and there are six under-eave ventilators, plus an opening in the carport which also serves as a ventilator.

Carl W. Timmons
Sturgis, Ky.

ANSWER: A typical insulated flat-roof construction is indicated in the figure above.

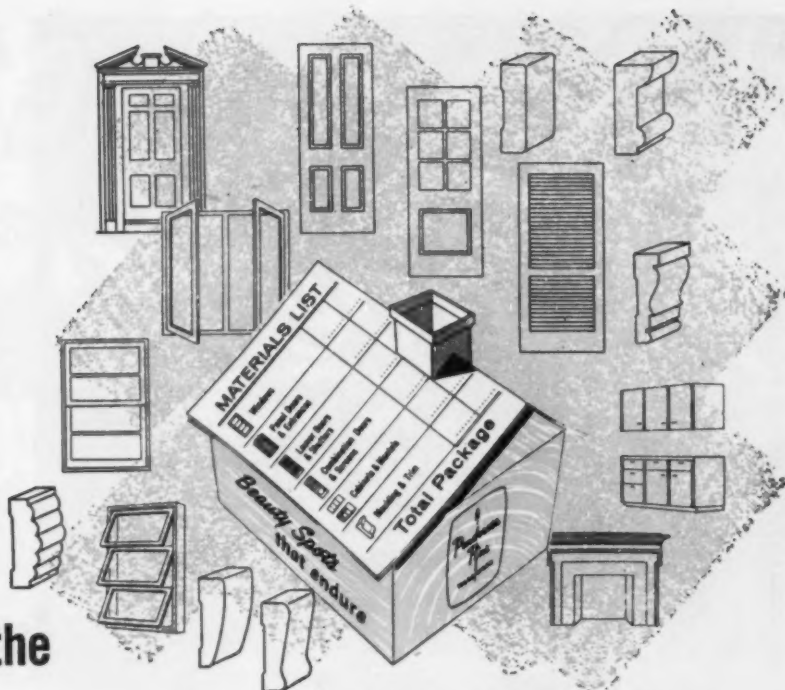
Condensation will occur when there is a considerable difference in temperature between the two sides of the plastered ceiling.

If the insulation creates a tight seal and no other source of cold air is present between the roofing and the plaster, there should be a minimum of condensation.

Therefore, either the insulation on your roof has considerable leakage, or the eave ventilators you mentioned may be allowing cold air between the joists.

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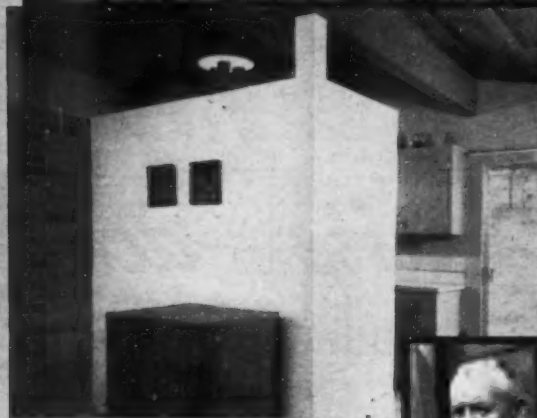
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Skim coat over dry wall

QUESTION: I understand in dry-wall construction a skim coat is sometimes applied over the plaster board. I would like to know what material is used for making the skim coat and how it is prepared and applied.

In using extra fibered plaster for scratch and brown coats are the new aggregates such as Perlite better than sand?

Where can I get more information concerning all phases of plastering work?

James Beall
Green City, Mo.

ANSWER: If the skim coat refers to a primer sealer, this is an excellent practice. The primer sealer is applied by a brush, like paint. If the skim coat referred to is plaster, this is not a recommended practice. Only a decorative treatment is necessary or desirable on dry-wall surfaces.

The only purpose of fiber in plaster is to prevent its seeping through the openings in metal lath. Both properly graded sand or perlite are excellent aggregates. Perlite is preferred where additional fire rating is desired or where weight saving is a factor.

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Chicago, Ill., or

get a copy of "Plastering Skill and Practice"—Van Den Branden-Knowles; American Technical Society, 57th St., and Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Enamel for wet-weather painting

QUESTION: In "Ask The Experts" August, 1956 column, mention is made of a damp-coat enamel. Could you tell me the brand name of such a product?

Glenn H. Miller
Chula Vista, Cal.

ANSWER: A paint of good quality for wet weather painting is "Inex", Treasure Tones and is made by Bishop Conklin, a subsidiary of Devoe & Reynolds Co., Inc., New York. It may be applied with brush, roller, or spray.

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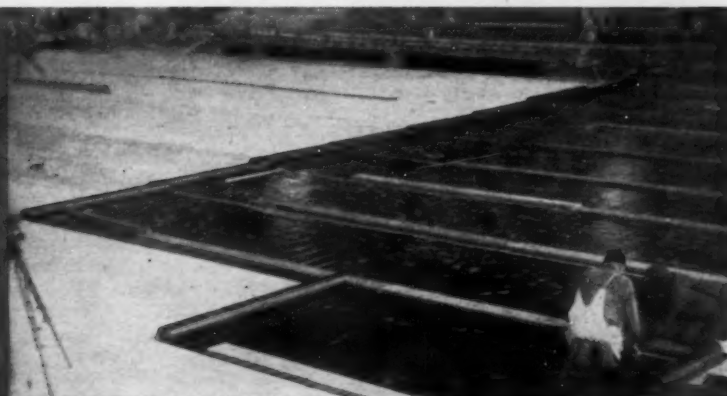
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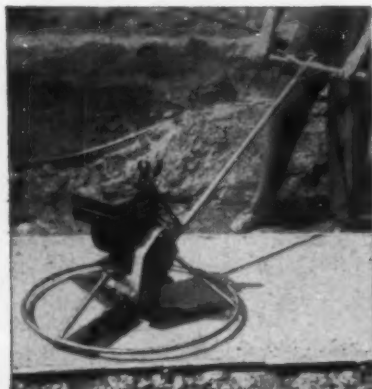
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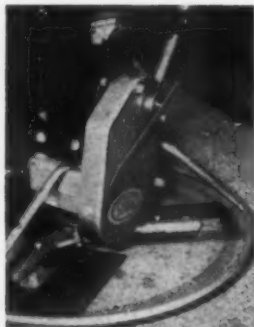
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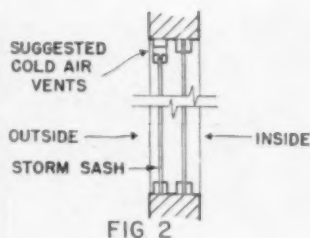
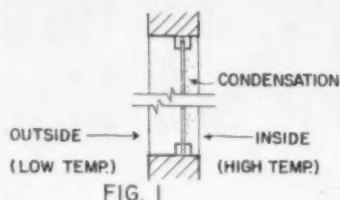
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Condensation on metal window frames

QUESTION: I just completed a home in which I used all-metal windows for sash and storm windows. Now I am plagued with condensation complaints. Can anything be done to eliminate this condition?

George Hammer, Jr.
Mansfield, Ohio

ANSWER: The problem of condensation on metal window frames is one that has no foolproof and still inexpensive solution. The basic problem consists of a drastic temperature differential between the two sides of a relatively impermeable medium.

In Figure I, a simple metal window, without storm sash, is indicated with resulting condensation.

Figure II indicates a fair solution which meets with varying degrees of success. Openings cut in the top horizontal section of the storm window frame allow the intermixing of the warm and cool air between the storm window and the permanent window. This cuts the effective insulation value of the storm window slightly, but at the same time cuts the temperature difference and should reduce, if not eliminate, the condensation.

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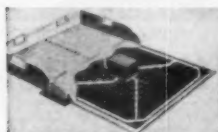
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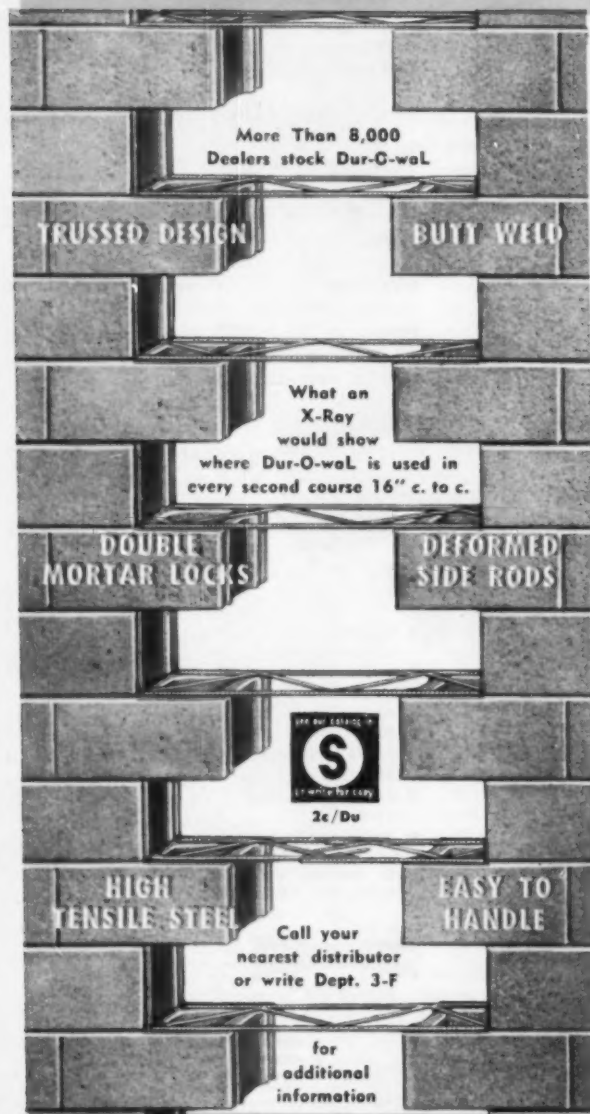
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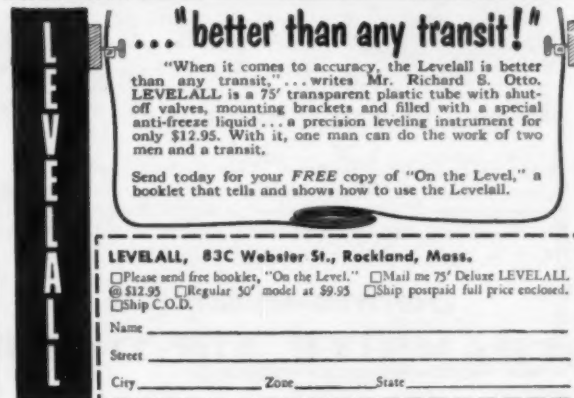
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March 7: Home Builders of Metropolitan New Jersey, 106 South Avenue, East, Cranford, N. J. School for home buyers; Cranford High School; to be held four successive weeks. H. Latawiec, chairman.

March 9-17: Home Builders of Greater Cincinnati, 907 Fifth Third Bank Bldg., Cincinnati 2, Ohio. Home and flower show; Cincinnati Music Hall. Earle W. DeLaittre, manager.

March 10-17: Associated Home Builders of Louisville, 306 Madrid Bldg., Louisville 2, Ky. Home show; Ky. State Fair Exposition Bldg. W. Arthur Sorrell, chairman.

March 11: Polk County Builders Assn., P. O. Box 1338, Lakeland, Fla. Membership meeting; Lakeland Terrace Hotel. E. G. Roellchen, chairman.

March 16-20: Southern Tier Home Builders Assn., 257 Main St., Johnson City, N. Y. Home show; West End Armory, Binghamton, N. Y. Mrs. Sidney Goodsite, chairman.

March 19-24: Tacoma Master Builders Assn., 1103½ Division Ave., Tacoma, Wash. Home show. C. P. S. Field House. Patrick J. O'Toole, chairman.

March 23-31: Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders, 130 W. Randolph St., Chicago 1, Ill. Home show; Modern Living Exposition; both sides of Navy Pier. Grover E. McDonald, chairman.

March 24-31: Quad City Home Builders, P. O. Box 482, Davenport, Ia. Better homes exposition; Rock Island Armory, Rock Island, Ill. David R. Thoensen, chairman.

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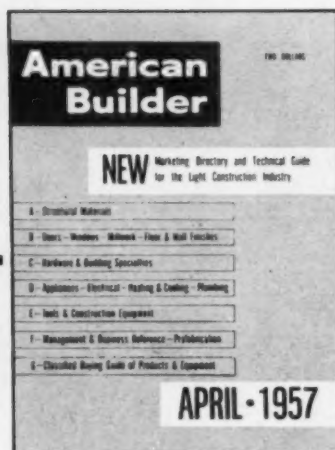
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March 24-31: Oklahoma City Home Builders, 328 Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City 2, Okla. Home show; Municipal Auditorium. Sidney Davidoff, chairman.

March 26-31: Home Builders of Knoxville, 3042 Sutherland Ave., Knoxville, Tenn. Home show; Chilhowee Park. P. M. Waters, chairman.

March 27-31: Home Builders of San Joaquin Valley, 3430 Normal Ave., Fresno, Cal. Home show; Armory Bldg. S. G. Wathen, chairman.

March 27-31: Home Builders of Rockford, 707 Central Bank Bldg., Rockford, Ill. Home show; Illinois National Guard Armory. Howard H. Hicks, chairman.

March 27-28: Home Builders Assn. of Indiana, Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind. Purdue Conference of Residential Building Contractors; Purdue University, Memorial Union Bldg. S. G. Wathen, chairman.

March 27-31: Home Builders of Charlotte, 215 Johnston Bldg., Charlotte 2, N. C. Home and flower show; Charlotte Coliseum. Robert W. Barker, director.

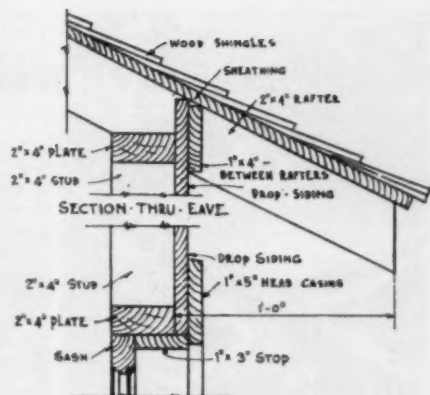
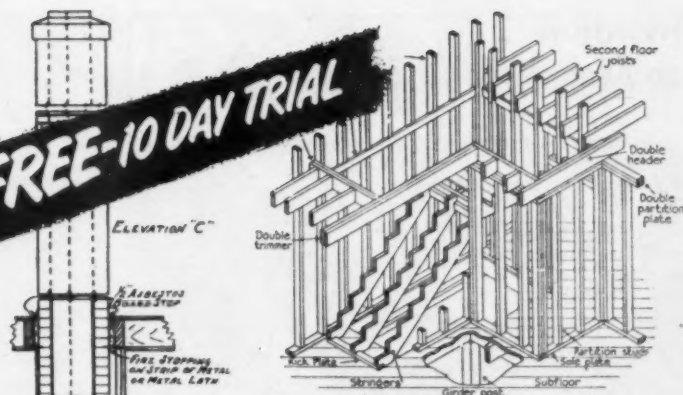
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March 30-April 7: Rochester Home Builders Assn., 240 Powers Bldg., Rochester 14, N. Y. Home show, Rochester War Memorial. William J. Hill, chairman.

March 30-Oct. 24: Home Shows division of Ohio Home Builders Assn., 57 East Gay St., Columbus, Ohio. Ten home shows sponsored by local HBAs, aided by home show division of OHBA. H. M. Eckler, director. **March 30-31:** Findlay, Ohio. **April 11-14:** Marietta, Ohio. **April 25-28:** Tiffin, Ohio.

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April 2-7: Home Builders of Mahoning Valley, 3119 Market St., Suite 200, Youngstown, Ohio. Home show; Idora Park. C. E. McGranahan, chairman.

April 3-13: Niagara Frontier Builders, 4 Erie St., Buffalo 2, N. Y. Buffalo better homes exposition; 174th Army. J. C. Donovan, chairman.

April 5-14: Phoenix Assn. of Home Builders, 814 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix, Ariz. "Parade of Homes" and home show. Thomas C. Kane, chairman.

April 5-6: Michigan Assn. of Home Builders, 701 American State Bank Bldg., Lansing 68, Mich. Home building conference; Michigan State University. I. M. Saunders, chairman.

April 7-14: San Antonio Home Builders Assn., 403 E. Travis St., San Antonio, Tex. Home show; Bexar County Coliseum. Irving Wayne, chairman.

April 8-14: Home Builders of Metropolitan Pittsburgh; 1105 Standard Life Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Home show; Hunt Armory. Richard B. Irwin, director.

April 9-14: Home Builders of Stark County, 2556 Clearview Ave., N. W., Canton, Ohio. Stark County home show; Canton Memorial Auditorium. J. H. Immler, chairman.

April 10-14: Home Builders Assn. of Atlanta, 1701 Rhodes Haverly Building, Atlanta 3, Ga. Home show; City Auditorium. Jack M. Cohen, chairman.

April 11-14: Home Builders of Marietta, 504 Chamberlain Drive, Marietta, Ohio. Home show; armory. D. D. Bundy, chairman.

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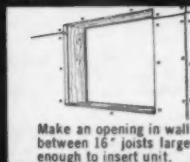
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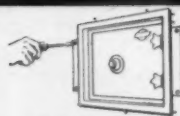
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director of sales of **Elkay Manufacturing Co.** . . . **P. & F. Corbin** division of **American Hardware Corp.** appointed **William J. O'Day** manager of special markets. . . . **In-Sink-Erator Manufacturing Co.** announced the appointment of **Dominic Trentadue** as district sales manager for the Detroit area. . . . **Dwight C. Woley** was promoted to sales manager of **Centex Construction Co.** He was formerly assistant sales manager. . . . Newly appointed sales-training manager for **Bryant Manufacturing Co.** is **Gerald F. Deer.** . . . **S. Austin Marquis** was named manager of building products sales for the **L.O.F. Glass Fibers Co.**

Frederick W. Jackson was named vice president of the **Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn.** . . . Three executive appointments were announced by **Servel, Inc.:** **John H. Wall** was appointed general manager of the company; **Arthur A. Pieper** was elected vice president in charge of finance, succeeding **William H. Schrader** who resigned; **Harold J. Luke** was promoted to treasurer and



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assistant secretary. . . . **L. G. (Dick) Rivers** was elected vice president in charge of sales, succeeding **Carl Resnikoff** who was appointed to the new position of vice president in charge of marketing for the **Mastic Tile Corp. of America.** . . . **Perma Products Co.** elected **Frank S. Barker** president to succeed **John E. Martin.** . . . **E. F. Kelly**, formerly executive vice president of **Pryne & Co.**, was elected president of the company. . . . **Edward F. Sutphin** was named president of **Skillman Hardware Manufacturing Co.** . . . The appointment of **W. G. Senft** as vice president of manufacturing for **American-Standard air conditioning division** was announced. He replaces **F. P. Well** who was appointed general manager of enamel plants of the **American-Standard Plumbing and Heating division.**



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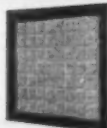
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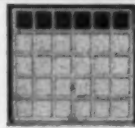
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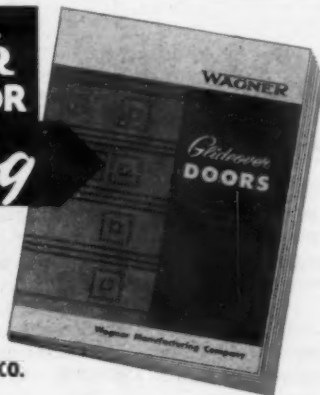
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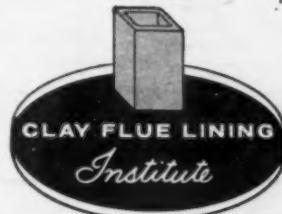
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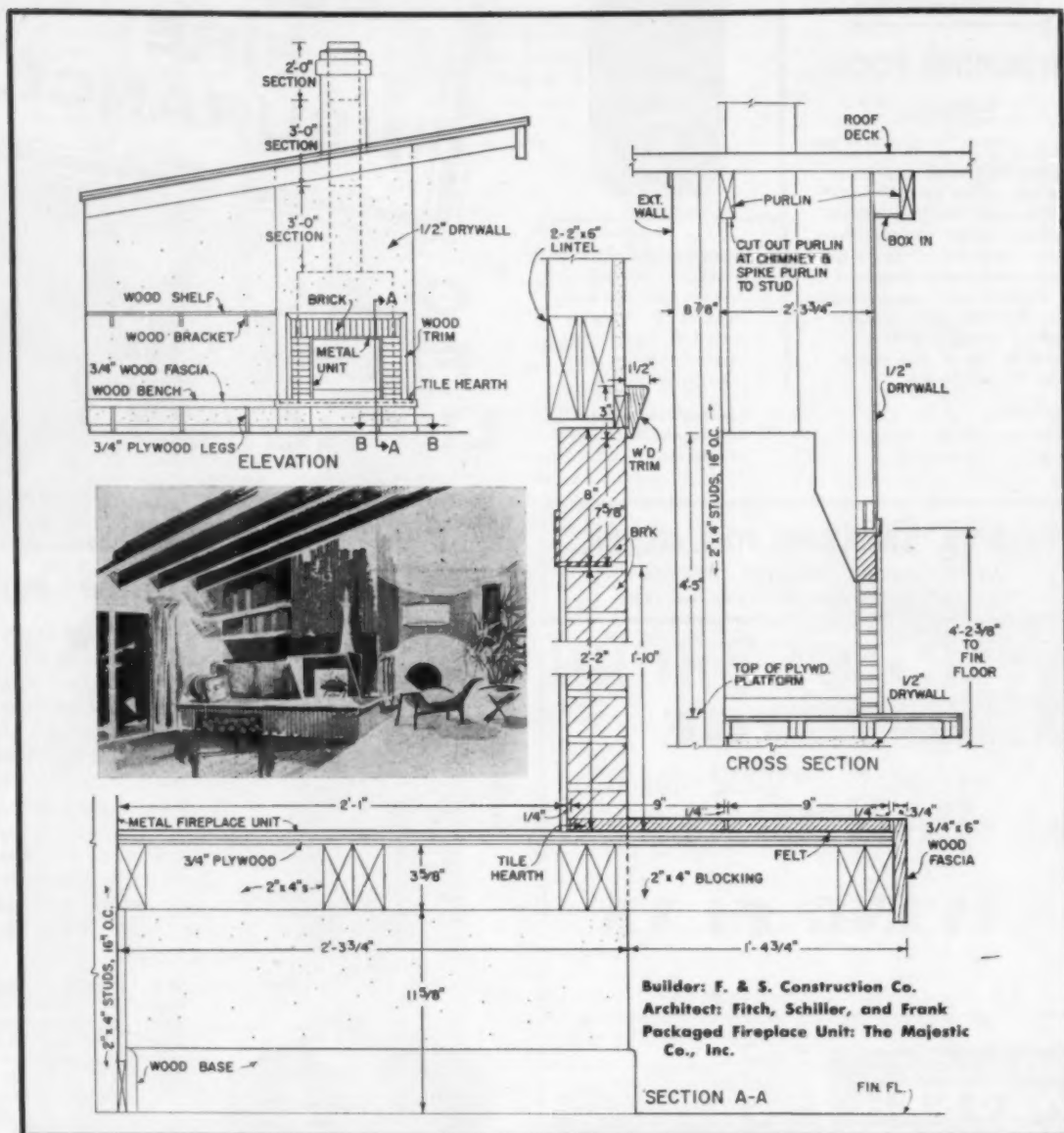
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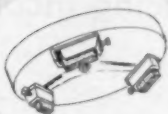
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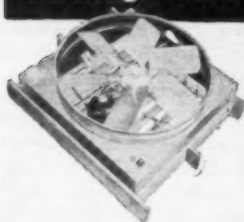
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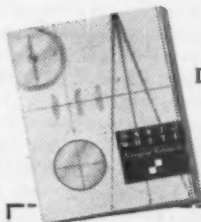


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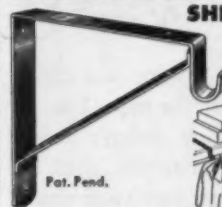
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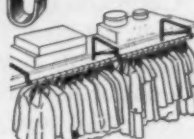
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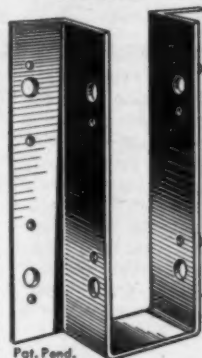
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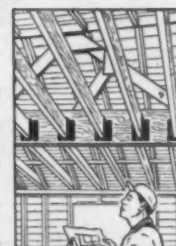


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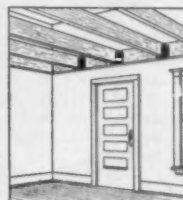
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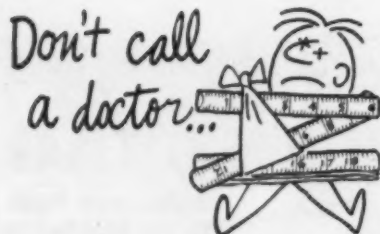


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The thin corporation: a way of reducing income taxes



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Attorney-at-law

Cases involving so-called thin corporations always are of interest. The thin corporation, often used by builders, involves the practice of investing as little money as possible in the capital or equity of the corporation. The balance of the funds required to start or carry on the venture comes by way of loans to the corporation from those interested in the business. Therefore, it is hoped that the monies realized from the venture will be used in payment of interest and in repayment of loans, rather than by way of distribution of profits. Thus it may be that payment of income taxes will be avoided.

The Internal Revenue Service often has attacked this practice. In such cases, it takes the position that the loans actually are an additional investment of capital, and that the money expended for interest and for repayment of loans are profits and dividends subject to tax.

Neither the statutes nor the regulations define an acceptable ratio of invested capital to loans in these situations. Nevertheless, the decided cases, sometimes upholding and other times overruling the Internal Revenue Service, afford some guide to what is proper.

In the case of *Ben P. Gale et al.*, (1956) T.C. Memo. 1956-103, the Tax Court held that advances to a corporation in the form of loans and evidenced by notes, actually were invested capital and not loans. There the taxpayer and four other

individuals formed a corporation to engage in the metal plating business with a capital of \$500 represented by 1,000 shares of stock. At the same time the taxpayer and three of the four other individuals advanced to the new corporation a total of \$89,500 in the form of loans evidenced by promissory notes and secured by a chattel mortgage. The Tax Court looked through the form of the transaction and observed that no purpose was served by the procedures that were followed except the hope of a tax benefit to be gained by the absurdly low capitalization.

In the case of *241 Corp.*, (1956) T.C. Memo. 1956-174, stockholders put up \$150,000, \$3,000 of which was represented by stock and \$147,000 of which was evidenced by notes. The Tax Court again looked through the form of the transaction and held the \$147,000 to be invested capital and not loans. In *Gooding Amusement Co. vs. Commissioners of Internal Revenue*, (1956) 236 F.2d 159, a Federal Court of Appeals approved another decision of the Tax Court following the same principal. There the Gooding Amusement Co. issued \$49,000 in stock and \$232,000 in short term notes to evidence so-called loans.

However, in the case of *Leonard J. Erickson* (1956) T.C. Memo. 1956-256, the Court held that certain advances by stockholders to the corporation actually were loans and should be treated as such. There the ratio of loans to invested capital was approximately 4 to 1. It therefore would seem at this writing that such ratio is acceptable and may be relied on.

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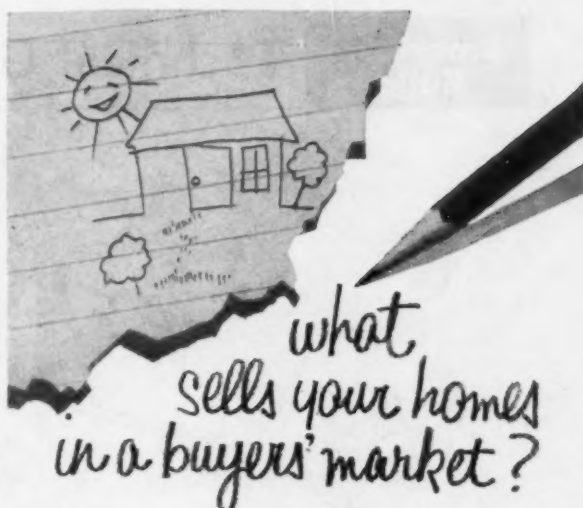
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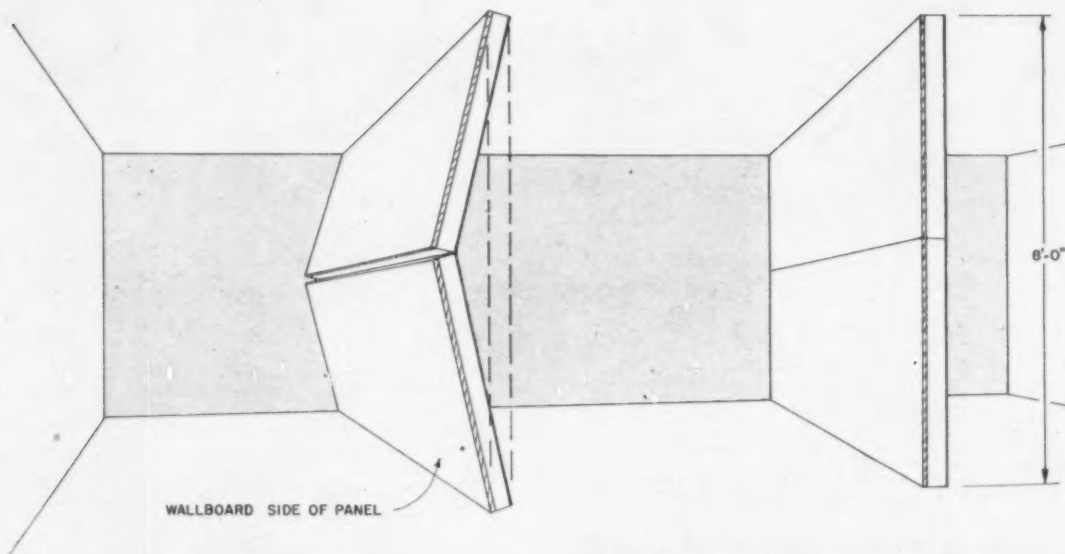
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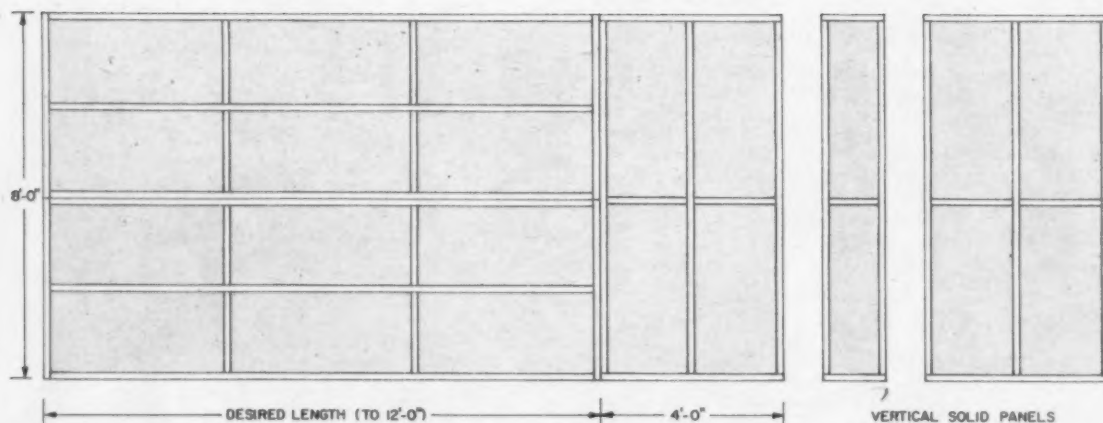
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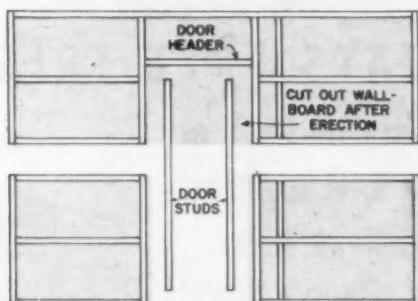
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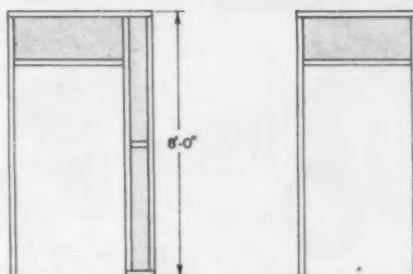
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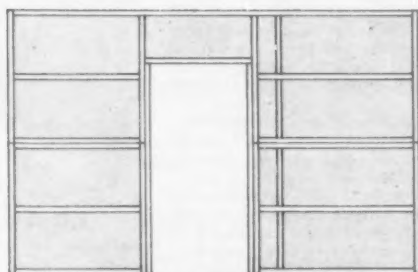
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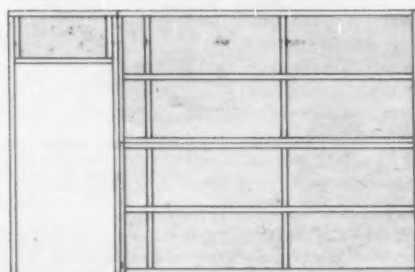
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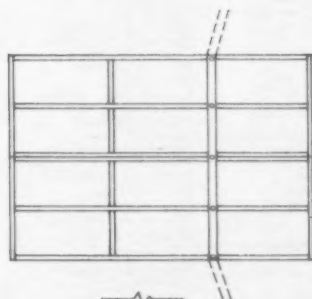


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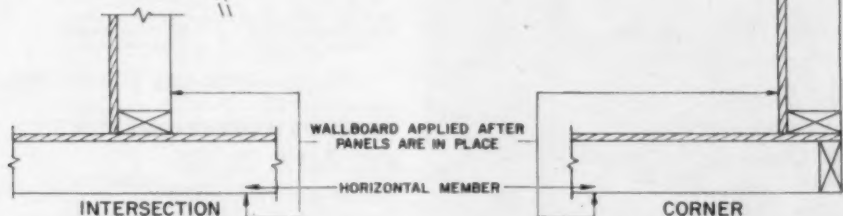


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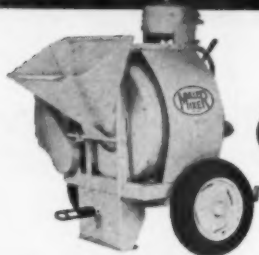
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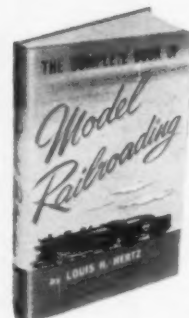
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MASONRY

House	Masonry	Split Level
Area		1700 sq. ft.
Cube		13,600 cu. ft.

CONCRETE WORK

Location	Actual*
Foundation Footings	361 cu. ft.
Pier Footings	8 cu. ft.
Slab	450 cu. ft.
	819 cu. ft. or 860 cu. ft. or 32 yds.

*Add 5% for waste

TILE WORK

Location	Description	Amount
Lavatory Floors	Ceramic	50 sq. ft.
Lavatory Wall	Ceramic	156 sq. ft.
Bath Walls	Ceramic	128 sq. ft.
Bath Floors	Ceramic	66 sq. ft.

BRICK, BLOCK, MASONRY & ACCESSORIES

Location	Description	Amount
House Walls	12" Concrete Block	280 sq. ft.
Garage Wall	8" Block	245 sq. ft.
Brick Veneer	4" Brick	210 sq. ft.
Planting Box	8" Brick	136 sq. ft.
Stucco Walls	Stucco	1187 sq. ft.
Garage Reinforcement	6 x 6 10:10 Mesh	420 sq. ft.
House Reinforcement	6 x 6 10:10 Mesh	950 sq. ft.
Reinf. Bars	#4 Rods	50 lin. ft.
Walls	8" Block	1187 sq. ft.

STRUCTURAL STEEL & ACCESSORIES

Location	Description	Amount
Lintel	3 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 1/4" Angle 8'0" long	2 Pieces
Columns	2" Diam. Pipe	2 Pieces
Termite Shield	Metal	120 Lin. ft.
Bolts	1/2" Diam. x 12" long	30 Pieces
Lintel	3 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 1/4" Angle 14'0" long	4 Pieces
Garage Lintel	3 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 1/4" Angle 10'0" long	2 Pieces

FRAMING LUMBER

Location	Size	Pieces	Lin. Ft.	B.F.M.
Sill	2 x 8	—	40	54
Sill	2 x 6	—	120	120
Floor Beams Right	2 x 12	30/20	600	1200
Box Header	2 x 12	—	80	160
Studs	2 x 4	225/8	1800	1200
Plates	(3) 2 x 4	—	600	400
Bottom Truss Chord Right	2 x 6	20/20	400	400
Rafters of Truss Right	2 x 6	40/14	560	560
Truss Pins or Arms	2 x 4	—	240	160
Bottom Truss Chord Left	2 x 6	24/26	624	624
Rafters of Truss Left	2 x 6	48/20	960	960
Truss Pins or Arms	2 x 4	—	400	267
Rafters rear	2 x 6	20/16	320	320
Hurricane Braces	2 x 8	—	230	307
Fascia	2 x 6	—	160	160
Fasts	4 x 4	8/8	64	86
Florida Rm Header	(2) 2 x 8	—	100	134

FLOORING, SHEATHING, ROOFING, INSULATION, ETC.

Location	Description	Actual	Actual—10%
Sub Floor	1 x 4 S4S	810 sq. ft.	891 sq. ft.
Finish Floor	Wood	700 sq. ft.	770 sq. ft.
Roof Sheathing	1 x 6 T & G	3110 sq. ft.	3421 sq. ft.
Roofing	Cement Tile	3110 sq. ft.	3421 sq. ft.
Side Wall Sheathing	1 x 6 T & G	50 sq. ft.	55 sq. ft.
Siding	Wood	50 sq. ft.	55 sq. ft.
Insulation Ceiling	2" Batts	1700 sq. ft.	1870 sq. ft.
Finish Floor	Asphalt Tile	895 sq. ft.	985 sq. ft.
Gusset Plates	Plywood	620 pieces	682 pieces
Florida Room Roofing	Built up with Gravel	470 sq. ft.	462 sq. ft.
Florida Room Sheathing	1 x 6 T & G	420 sq. ft.	462 sq. ft.

Note: The waste factor is determined by the method of installation and the material used.

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Exterior Trim Location	Description	Amount
Fascia	1 x 8	190 Lin. ft.
Frieze Board	1 x 6	190 Lin. ft.
Soffit	1/2" WP Ply.	960 sq. ft.
Interior Trim Location	Description	Amount
Base	1 x 4	340 Lin. ft.

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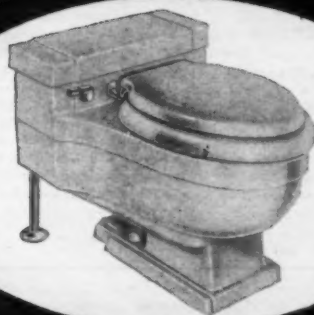
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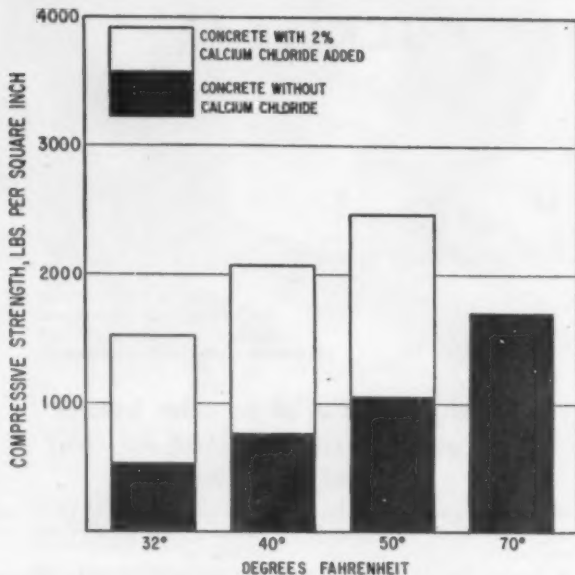
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Pole Sockets	Wood	5 Pair
Shelving	1 x 12	80 Lin. ft.
Cleats	1 x 3	35 Lin. ft.
Neek Strips	1 x 4	44 Lin. ft.
Base Moulding	quarter round	340 Lin. ft.
Stairs	4 Risers	1 set

DOOR SCHEDULE

Exterior Doors	Description	Amount
Size		
8'6" x 7'0" x 1 3/4"	4 Panel O.H.	1
3'0" x 6'8" x 1 3/4"	F.P.S.C.	1
3'0" x 6'8" x 1 3/4"	Flush S.C.	1
3'0" x 6'8" x 1 3/4"	Glass Louvered	1
2'8" x 6'8" x 1 3/4"	Glass Louvered	2
Interior Doors		
2'8" x 6'8" x 1 3/4"	Flush H.C.	1
2'6" x 6'8" x 1 3/4"	" "	2
2'0" x 6'8" x 1 3/4"	" "	3
1'3" x 6'8" x 1 3/4"	" "	3
Sliding Doors		
3'0" x 6'8"		2
2'6" x 6'8"		2
2'0" x 6'8"		4
5'0" x 6'8"	Glass	2
2'0" x 6'8"	Folding	1
	Total	26

Note: All doors are to be ordered complete from the door schedule to include doors, door frames, trim, casing, door saddles, stops, etc.

WINDOW SCHEDULE

Size	Description	Amount
2 (3'0" x 3'0")	Gang of 2 awning type	1
3 (4'0" x 4'0")	Gang of 3 awning type	2
4'0" x 2'0"	Awning type	1
4'6" x 3'0"	Awning type	1
3'0" x 4'0"	Awning type	2
2 (3'0" x 4'0")	Gang of 2 awning type	1
16" x 10"	Screened vents	5
24" x 16"	Screened access	1
	Total	14

Aprons	1 x 6	70 Lin. Ft.
Stools	1 x 8	70 Lin. Ft.

Note: All windows are to be ordered from the window schedule in gangs as specified to include frames, sash, hardware, trim stops, casing, etc.

KITCHEN CABINETS

Location	Size	Amount
Counter	15'0" x 3'0" x 2'0"	1
Formica Top	Approx. 30 sq. ft.	1
Back Splash	Approx. 15 Lin. Ft.	1
Range Hanger	3'0" x 2'6" x 1'0"	1
Hanger	2'6" x 3'0" x 1'0"	1
Hanger	2'0" x 3'0" x 1'0"	1
Hanger	1'0" x 3'0" x 1'0"	1
Ref Hanger	3'0" x 1'0" x 1'0"	1
	Total	8

DRYWALL

Location	Amount
Walls	approx. 2750 sq. ft.
Ceiling	approx. 1700 sq. ft.
Garage Ceiling	approx. 392 sq. ft.
Garage Walls	approx. 585 sq. ft.

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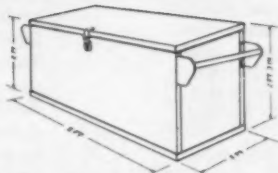
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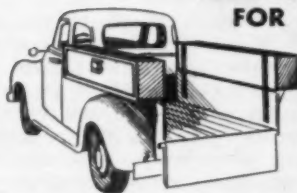
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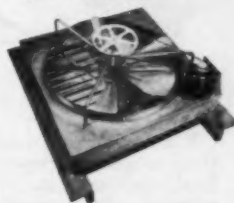
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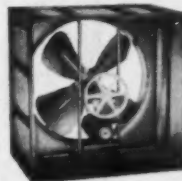
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known to surge and ebb in towering waves and plunging troughs. But the modernization sector keeps going, year by year, with vastly more stability.

We can look forward in 1957 to a total output of goods and services of approximately \$425 billions. This gross national product (or output) constitutes the grand over-all measure of the country's economic performance. Construction's contribution of roughly \$66¼ billions is over 15% of this.

But we are growing very fast, fundamentally because of our spectacular increase in population and the even more spectacular advance in technology. In 1966 or sooner, according to Arthur Burns, ex-Chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, we should have a total output of \$600 billions at present prices.

Nor is there anything excessively optimistic in that goal of \$600 billions. It was \$410 billions in 1956 and the increase for the coming decade would be somewhat less than 50%. In the preceding decade, from the end of World War II to 1956, real national output (i.e., in constant prices, so as to eliminate the climb in prices) increased about 60%. And before that, during the actual war years, national output also increased roughly 60%.

Let us apply our industry's 15% of the nation's total output to the \$600 billions estimate for 1966. That gives us \$93 billions. But construction, in view of the vast expansion that lies ahead, will become a definitely increasing proportion of the nation's total activity. It is therefore a very decided probability, given no excessive interruption in our country's economic growth, that the construction industry will reach the \$100 billion per annum rate no later than 1968.

The basis of all business is PEOPLE. The greatest of these population factors is already at work—the translation, by the mere process of growing up, of the myriads of war and postwar babies into corresponding myriads of young adults of home-wanting age.

Because of the declining birth-rates from 1920 to 1940, the number of children aged 14 or less actually declined by about two-thirds of a million. By contrast, because of the unprecedented 50% rise in the birthrate of the succeeding 20 years,

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1940-60, the number of children will have increased by almost 21,000,000. Never in our history has so great a demographic change been recorded.

The repercussion on construction will be almost beyond calculation. Very few of us have yet grasped its full significance. Even fewer have projected their minds forward into the next two decades in order to grasp what this change will do to the market for homes.

Take young males aged 24—the most typical marriage age. In 1943 there were a little over 1,200,000 such males in the U.S., including our armies abroad. They were still numerous because they were born back in 1919 when the birthrate was still high.

Then came the first great change. After 1919 came the end of mass immigration which had provided a major portion of the big families. The birthrate dropped rapidly and was to drop further still in the Great Depression. Naturally, 24 years later, in 1943, the crop of home-wanting 24-year-olds began to decline.

The birthrate kept falling for 14 years after 1919, up to 1933, and so the number of males aged 24 fell from 1943 to the present. This year marks a great historic change.

The curve of young adults climbs slowly after 1957, gathers momentum after 1960, begins to reach for the sky after 1965 (Chart II.) In 1943, we had about 1,215,000 males of 24; then an unbroken decline to not much over one million in 1957. In 1960 we will have 1,140,000 of these young home-wanters; by 1965, almost 1,360,000; by 1970, 1,750,000. And by 1975, close to 2 million.

Do you wonder that I talk of a 2-million-annual-home-starts period as we get into the 1970? It is a most amazing thing that we have had the best home-building volume in our history in the last ten years in the face of an actual decline in the number of young folks of marriageable age. What can we expect when it will be rising—at first slowly, then rapidly in the late 1960's, then skyrocketing in the 1970's?

(The five additional components of demand that are changing the face of America will be presented in the continuation of this article in the next issue.)

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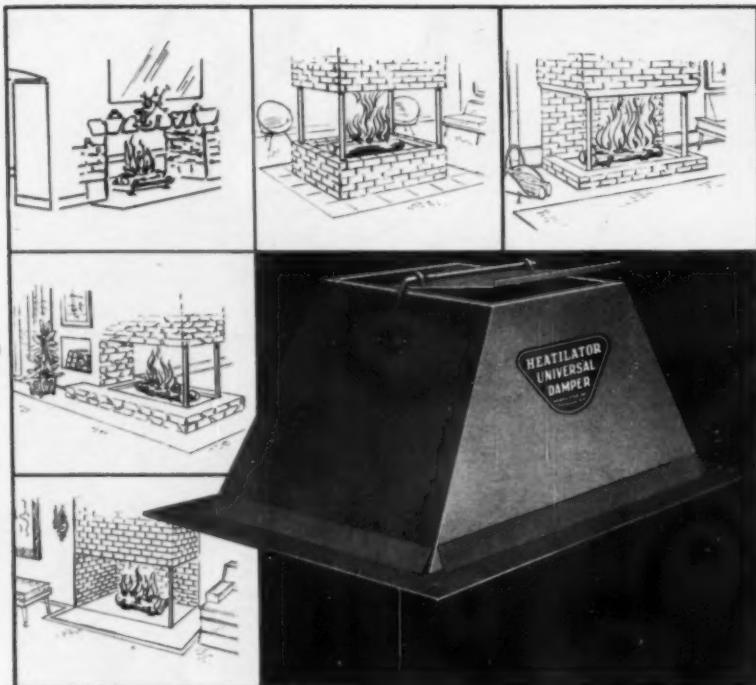
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Tomorrow's House

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rooms, and onto the terrace, and another step down to the front and rear porches, these being 6" from grade.

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"Ventilation for the center room is gained by the use of glass jalousies to the bay terrace and louvered panels to the study and study windows. This room gets natural light from 3 plastic bubble skylites above, which, incidentally, are cheaper than windows (about \$25 each).

"The only appreciable waste that I can see is in the formwork. We usually use 2x6, 2x8, etc., for forming the slab and re-use these members in the joists and rafters. However in this case all formwork had to be cut to the 4 ft. or 2 ft. module, and consequently was wasted—but we did re-use some of it as door and window headers, and still more as bridging and blocking.

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The Month Ahead

DOUBLE CHECK

Before you start working on the kitchen of that new model house you're doing for Spring, go back and take another look at the ideas in this issue's convention report. They're enough to make your mouth water, and they'll have the same effect on your buyers. Particularly if you're building in the \$20,000 and up price class, people are willing to pay for extras if they're sure they're getting their money's worth. And it's too bad we couldn't do the whole story in color, because the color was out of this world.

WARMER WORK

If you're a remodeler, it's time to start shifting the emphasis of your jobs. April will be warmer, so tearing down an outside wall won't discombobulate your client too much, but it's going to be rainy too, so try and hold off the roof jobs for another month or two.

IT'S GETTING CLOSE

Sorry to harp on this, but your personal income tax returns are due the middle of next month. If you're the procrastinating type like most of us, you'll feel better once it's over with. Like having a tooth pulled.

Write your congressman

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Here we go again

Comes April, and another building season opens. Model houses sprout up like mushrooms, and custom builders finally start the jobs they've been sharpening their pencils on all winter. How will business be in the months ahead? The temptation is to answer, "bad". Money is tight, starts are down, and some marginal builders are going out of business.

Don't give up—things will get better

Now let's turn the record over. Money is tight, but there will probably be interest rate relief, and better terms for the low-cost house buyer; and tight money is not as bad as an inflationary spiral that could drive prices up out of sight. Yes, 1956 was a bad year, but not a disastrous one, and the drop in new starts was less than the 20 per cent some pessimists were predicting earlier in the season. Sure, a few builders went out of business, but some of them may have been ones who couldn't stand the competition when things tightened up. And the ones that are left are the efficient boys who build a better house for less money. This is good for the whole industry.

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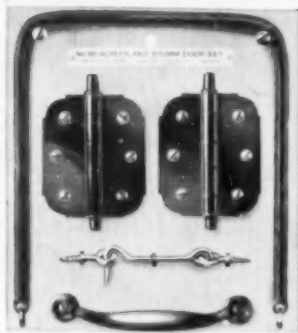
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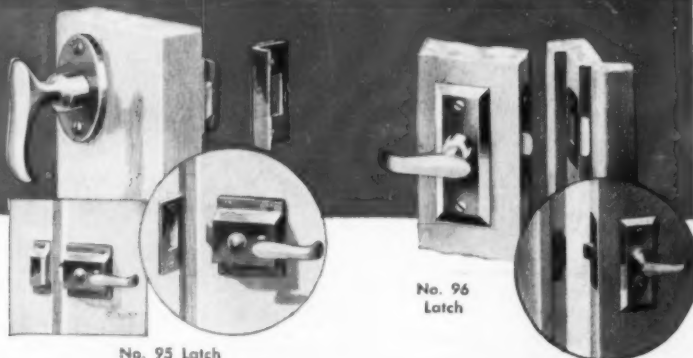
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